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McDonald diner bid for site near A51

A NEW drive-through restaurant to seat 85 diners is to be built in Rugeley under new plans.

Cannock Chase Council is set to give the go-ahead to the proposed McDonald's on derelict land near Rugeley town centre.

Tesco has recently been given consent to build a supermarket off the A51 roundabout on Power Station Road. McDonald's is also seeking permission for an outside seating area and car park at the site, part of Towers Business Park at the former Lea Hall Colliery.

Council officers have recommended approval of the scheme and councillors will visit the site next week before making a decision.

Planning officer John Heminsley said the application did not contain any information on traffic generation or its effect on the nearby roundabouts, particularly on Saturdays and in the evenings.

He also said insufficient consideration had been given to encouraging staff or customers to travel to the location by bus, train of bike and no justification had been given for the size of parking provision.

The Highways Agency has raised no objections, but Staffordshire County Council has objected on highways grounds.

Family tree course starts

RESIDENTS wanting to trace their family histories are invited to a six-week course from January 12.

The beginners' course is being run every Thursday from 10am to noon by Pam Woodburn at Burntwood Library, at Sankeys Corner.

It includes the basic steps in tracing family trees and includes an optional visit to the Lichfield Joint Record Office and to the Mormon Church in Lichfield. Call 01543 684208 for details.

Chase volunteer receives new year honour

Glynis Ward

A MODEST volunteer who gives up her time to help out on Cannock Chase has topped the district's list of New Year Honour recipients.

Glynis Ward, from Brocton, said she was absolutely gobsmacked to hear she had been given an MBE for voluntary service to the community in Cannock Chase.

Now retired after previously working for the Co-Operative Bank, 65-year-old Glynis splits her time between Brocton parish council, where she is vice-chairman, and volunteering for the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team.

Alongside her husband and fellow volunteer Fred, to whom she has been married for 45 years, Glynis undertakes surveys, litter picks, pulls up weeds and helps oversee projects such as one which monitors the Cannock Chase landscape.

"We just do whatever needs doing," said Glynis, who was born in Stafford. "Of course I am absolutely thrilled to get the MBE but then you feel you don't deserve it. I'm privileged to live by the Chase so I just like to keep it nice for everyone else."

Just six months ago, she and Fred were jointly named as Cannock Chase AONB's volunteers of the year. AONB officer Ruth Hytch said: "We're very pleased for her and we think she definitely deserves it." Other recipients in the Queen's list include Rugeley woman Pamela Lycett, who was awarded the MBE for services to hockey in Staffordshire.

Mrs Lycett, an honorary committee member at Stafford Women's Hockey Association, has been playing the sport since her school days and went on to work, umpire and play for Aldridge.

Stephen Edwards, an officer at HM Prison Stafford, who lives in Rugeley and Michael Harrison, a former Staffordshire Police Chief Superintendent, received MBEs, as did Lichfield resident John May.

The 70-year-old has been working with Talking Newspapers for the Blind for more than 30 years, is a member of Lichfield Lions and works raising money for special schools.

No-sheds threat to allotment holders

DISGRUNTLED allotment holders in a village near Rugeley were meeting with council chiefs this week in a bid to resolve a threat to their potting sheds.

Growers at Armitage with Handsacre have been warned they may need planning permission for the wooden huts because the private land is on green belt next to the Trent & Mersey Canal conservation area.

They have now formed an association and will meet tonight to discuss the outcome of Wednesday's talks.

A further meeting, open to allotment holders from other sites, has been scheduled for January 11.

Plot holders on the site, next to the Plum Pudding pub, were up in arms when Lichfield District Council informed them that their sheds may be in jeopardy.

They say that most allotment holders in the country do not need planning permission and argue that they should not be treated differently. The parish council had approved the sheds.

The site was quickly filled when local farmer Paul Boston set it up last March but council officers carrying out a survey in September took exception to the 44 sheds so far erected and wrote to Mr Boston about their "cumulative impact on the visual amenity".

LEAD THEFTS FROM CHURCHES ON RISE

A RISE in the number of metal thefts from churches in the Lichfield diocese made it the third worst-hit in the country in 2011.

by TIM SPIERS

Figures from church insurer Ecclesiastical show that the diocese, which includes churches across Staffordshire and Cannock Chase, recorded more than 80 metal thefts last year, 20 more than in 2010.

Only Chelmsford and Lincoln were above Lichfield in the table, while the number of thefts across the country was the worst on record, up to 2,500.

A diocese spokesman said they were working closely with police to utilise SmartWater technology, a liquid marking system which leaves a unique detection code on metal.

"We come high up the table because we're one of the largest diocese in the UK," he said. "It's something which has blighted our churches for a number of years and we're constantly looking at the situation."

Overall metal thefts in Staffordshire numbered 339 for the period from August 2010 to July 2011, with the high price of lead, copper and steel a contributing factor.

Cannock Chase Council had to close its housing office for four days earlier this year when thieves stole 40 metres of copper cable. Staffordshire Police launched Operation Amalgam more than two years ago to specifically tackle the problem.

Force spokesman Peter Bate said the campaign was paying dividends.

"We are continuing to work closely with partners, the business community and organisations such as local churches to drive down thefts and bring offenders to justice," he said.

"We recommend churches carry out risk assessments to check their vulnerability to lead theft. This would include looking at issues including the security of perimeter fences, lighting, alarm systems and limiting access to roofs.

"There are low cost options to help prevent lead theft such as encouraging neighbours to report any suspicious activity, installing security lighting, cutting back trees and vegetation close to the building, regularly checking the roof for signs of interference and applying anti-climb paint."

Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley said: "I am shocked by these latest figures. This is a despicable and cowardly crime that strikes at the very heart of our communities."

John Coates, Ecclesiastical's direct insurance services director, called the problem endemic. He added: "We believe it's important the government takes note of this mood and takes immediate action to tighten up the law, particularly the Scrap Metal Dealers Act of 1964."

Farewell to war hero George

The coffin is carried to St Luke's Church, Cannock, for the funeral service

FAMILY, friends and comrades bade an emotional farewell to a Cannock veteran of the ill-fated World War II Battle of Arnhem.

The funeral of George Parry, who died at his Cannock home aged 95 on December 19 took place on Tuesday (January 3). A service was held at St Luke's Church, in Mill Street, Cannock, before the funeral procession moved on to Stafford Crematorium.

Mr Parry, of Albert Street, was one of 6,000 Allied troops taken prisoner in the attempt in 1944 to seize the Arnhem bridge in northern Holland. Mr Parry's service was led by the Rev Paul Kelly, branch padre for the South Staffordshire Regiement, in which Mr Parry was a corporal.

Mr Parry's coffin was draped in the Union flag with his war medals on top.

Chairman of the Stafford branch of the Staffordshire Regimental Association Dave Lovell said: "He was a great character who always had a story to tell."

Crews douse blaze at flat

A CHADSMOOR woman required medical treatment after escaping from a fire in the kitchen at her ground floor flat.

Fire crews from Cannock and Penkridge were called to the property in Kelvin Drive, on Tuesday (January 3) at 5pm.

The fire was started due to food being left in the oven. Smoke alarms were fitted and the woman received oxygen therapy.

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Image of mine memorial revealed

AN impression of how a memorial to miners in Rugeley could look has been revealed.

The commemorative statue will go ahead if supporters can raise the £70,000 needed to commission it.

Members of the Lea Hall and Brereton Collieries Memorial Society have invited artists to submit designs.

The favoured design was submitted by sculptor Andy De Comyn, who created the Shot At Dawn statue at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. It is hoped to site the structure on The Globe island on the A460 with each of the sculptures facing one of the four converging roads.

The society has begun fundraising for the project. It has also asked the Cannock town centre regeneration committee for a contribution and plans to approach the county council and other local authorities.

Society member Alex Smith says the Brereton pit and its successor Lea Hall deserved a permanent memorial.

He said: "Although Lea Hall closed in 1991 it left a legacy and we think it should be marked."

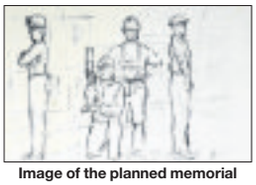

Image of the planned memorial

Reduction in crime is hailed by police chiefs

ROBBERIES, burglaries and car thefts have fallen by almost a third in Staffordshire, latest figures show, with the numbers across Cannock Chase cut by almost a half.

By Mark Mudie

Police revealed there were 167 "serious acquisitive crimes" recorded across the county in November – down from 239, or 30 per cent, compared to the same month in 2010.

In Cannock Chase the number of robberies, burglaries and car thefts fell from 81 to 42.

There were 69 in South Staffordshire, down from 93, and 56 in Stafford, nine fewer than in November 2010.

Police chiefs and council community safety bosses say they are pleased with the figures but vowed to do more to drive crime down.

Assistant Chief Constable for the Staffordshire force Jane Sawyers said: "We are very pleased that our figures continue to show crime falling.

Concerned

"Our officers and staff work really hard to reduce crime and less crime means less victims of crime.

"We are particularly pleased with the falling crime in relation to burglary of people's homes, robbery and vehicle crime as these are the crimes which our community tell us they are most concerned about," she added.

David Pearsall, chairman of Staffordshire Police Authority, said the trend was particularly pleasing as the force was facing "challenging" times.

Staffordshire Police needs to make £38million of cuts over four years.

Tribute

"Most importantly, those crimes which Staffordshire citizens tell us matter most to them are continuing to fall markedly and this is a real tribute to the excellent support and cooperation we receive from local communities," he added.

Staffordshire community safety chief, county councillor Robert Marshall, said: "We will continue to work with the police on various initiatives to combat crime and reassure our residents that we want to see even more reductions."

Half-year figures released earlier also revealed falling crime. From April to September there were 33,730 crimes, down from 37,292 for the same period last year.

Ex-pitmen reunion

EX-MINERS in Cannock are getting together for their annual reunion this Saturday (January 7).

The tradition has been going for 37 years and began at West Cannock No 5 Colliery where electricians and mechanics played each other at cards, dominoes and pool.

When the colliery closed and many miners went to Littleton and Lea Hall collieries the reunion continued and still attracts a big turnout.

It will take place from noon at Church Hill Victoria Working Men's Club, on Church Hill in Hednesford.

For details call Chris on 01543 899009.

Cycle path repairs on track

Volunteer Gary Kelsey appeals for more helpers to repair mountain bike trails

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help repair the well-worn Cannock Chase cycle tracks.

Thousands of cyclists pedal its winding paths every year. Now, volunteers from Chase Trails, a group of enthusiasts who regularly maintain the forest routes, have organised a special day for the public to lend a hand. The Big Build Day takes place on Sunday, January 8. Resurfacing will take place on the last section of the Tackeroo trail.

Tasks will include breaking up the old track, transporting new surfacing to the site and helping to spread it. All the tools, plus hot food and drinks, will be provided.

The group meets every Sunday at 10am outside Swinnerton Cycles, Birches Valley.

Electrical fire leads to crews' warning

FIREFIGHTERS are warning people to call the emergency services if they suspect a blaze is caused by an electrical fault.

They say tackling electrical fires could cause serious or even fatal, injury.

Three revellers reported a blaze beneath a manhole cover in Cannock on Christmas Day. and crews based at the town's station commended their actions.

The fire in an electricity junction box caused shops to be cordoned off in the town centre.

Crews were sent to reports of a manhole cover on fire in Market Place. There was thick black smoke rising from below it. They discovered a blaze had broken out in the underground junction box.

Emergency

Watch manager Russ Brown said: "We would like to advise people not to approach any fires that involve electrics, stand back and call the emergency services."

He added: "When we arrived it resembled a scene from Ghostbusters. All we could do was cordon off the area and keep the public back, and the police closed the road to traffic."

Stores were without power from 8.30pm until 5am on Boxing Day.

Views made over health

MEMBERS of Staffordshire's health scrutiny committee toured Cannock Chase Hospital and voiced their concerns to a nursing chief.

They will discuss the meeting, with Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust director of nursing Colin Ovington, at their next summit tomorrow (Friday).

A ward at the hospital is closing in the new year, as well as a ward at Stafford Hospital, amid staffing shortages. New short-term parking charges have also been introduced.

Walk on Chase

THE Mid-Staffordshire Ramblers' Association hosts a new five-mile walk across Cannock Chase on Saturday, January 21. It will set off from the Wildwood pub, Stafford, at 12.30pm.

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Amazon's policy is defended

ONLINE retailer Amazon has defended its policy of recruiting temporary workers to help it meet the extra demand at Christmas.

It responded to criticism from staff who were told their jobs would come to an end once the festive season was over.

Workers at the Rugeley distribution centre were upset at the way the company handled the situation. But Amazon made it clear it had always been open with its workers and that they knew their jobs were temporary to fill seasonal demand.

The company employs up to 900 staff at the centre on the Towers Business Park in Wheelhouse Lane – a mix of permanent staff topped up by temporary workers when needed at peak times.

Spokesman Ben Howes said: "Christmas is our busiest time of the year and we worked with a local agency to ensure we had hundreds of additional people during this period

"These additional associates were specifically taken on for the Christmas period and as that period came to an end, so did the requirement for the agency to provide us with as high a number of people as they had done."

Record for parcel firm

A PARCEL delivery giant due to move to a new base in Cannock this year is celebrating a record December.

Business is up 15 per cent year-on-year at APC Overnight, which is delivering 1.5m packages a month. The boost is attributed to the rise in internet shopping, with 12 per cent of Christmas trade done online.

The company is due to move from its Essington home, in Warstone Road, to a new £15m base at Kingswood Lakeside in October, creating 300 jobs and more than doubling the current workforce.

Carvery deal

A CHADSMOOR pub hopes to bring in extra customers by offering a carvery for the first time. It starts at the Nest, in Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, on Sunday (January 8) at a price of two for £8. If successful, new owners Chris and Paul Molineux plan to roll it out on a more regular basis. Call 01543 572669 for more details.

Emma Beaman-Green, from the AONB with Friends members Geoff Brookes, Mike Potter and Mike Mottershead

Friends in funds boost

A CONSERVATION group has been handed funding to enable it to help clean and protect a Rugeley beauty spot.

The Friends of Etching Hill has welcomed the funding from the Cannock Chase Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The AONB helps to fund local community groups within its boundaries to make improvements to their local area.

A spokesman said: "The Friends of Etching Hill was set up by local residents who want to see the area preserved for future generations to enjoy.

"We are a group of volunteers passionate about caring for and preserving our ancient Etching Hill and playing fields for all to enjoy."

The funding will be used to host a series of community litter picks throughout the year. The first will be on Saturday, January 21, with others to follow on May 26 and September 15. They will all start at 11am at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mount Road, Etchinghill.

Anyone wishing to be involved is asked to simply turn up on the day. Equipment will be provided.

The group meets regularly to organise fundraising events, have guest speakers and socialise. Meetings are at the Church of the Holy Spirit on the last Thursday of the month, every two months at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on February 23. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Geoff on 07792 814607 or find the group on Facebook.

Play area upgrade to make up for a lack of provision

A DISTRICT council environment chief has said plans to upgrade a play area on a Cannock estate would help fill a shortage of outdoor recreation in the town.

by Harry Gottschalk

The Bevan Lee Play Area is to get a host of new equipment, under ambitious new plans revealed by Cannock Chase Council.

The authority wants to boost the site, off Bevan Lee Road, with a large batch of new equipment and trees.

Part of the plans include creating a new 3.28ft fence to keep dogs out and around six news trees to enclose and screen the site.

New equipment includes an aerial runway zipwire, small swings, a seesaw, a climbing net, a clatter bridge, a climbing ledge, joined logs and tyre walks.

The new equipment is arranged in a circuit to form an activity loop.

Peter Scholes, from the council's environmental services department, said: "The proposals would extend the play area provision, catering for a wider age range, there being a general shortage of suitable provision within the area as a whole.

"Extending the play area into the general grassed area would not have a detrimental effect on the open space area as a whole given its enclosed nature and existing limited use. Proposed fencing would limit dog access but a grassed area lies outside the fence line to cater for dog exercise," he added.

"The proposed tree planting would enhance the open space greatly as well as assist in time in providing some screening, not just of the play area, but between the properties."

The current play area was boosted in the spring of 2010 when the council secured £48,000 from the Staffordshire Playbuilder Programme.

Families on the estate helped the authority to plan and design the initial play area at a series of events organised by the authority's play rangers and the Bevan Lee Estate's community development workers.

Children even produced a model to show the council exactly what they wanted, working with professional artists and the authority's arts development team to produce artwork that was built into the play area.

A major redevelopment of the Bevan Lee estate was completed in 2009.

Man held in drugs raid

A MAN has been arrested following the execution of a drugs warrant in Norton Canes. Officers from Cannock Chase Local Policing Team executed the warrant on Saturday, December 31, following information that drugs were being grown at an address in Park Road.

They discovered a hydroponics set-up and 32 cannabis plants were seized with an estimated street value of £3,000.

The arrested man, aged 23, was released on police bail pending further enquiries.

Woody's bar owner Andy Wood and Tracie Walker outside the Joshua Tree Motel

Motel is reopened after refit

A MOTEL which closed around 18 months ago has been reopened after a £40,000 revamp.

Andy Wood, who owns and runs Woody's Music Bar, in Hednesford, took on the lease of the Uxbridge Motel, in Market Street in the summer after it had been shut for more than a year.

The building has now reopened as The Joshua Tree Motel offering 10 en-suite rooms and a single family-sized room.

Mr Wood, aged 41, says the new business has been influenced by Woody's Bar, which is a stone's throw away and describes the new enterprise as a "mini urban village."

Jobs

Alongside the motel, Mr Wood, who plays in local band Marquis Drive, has created eight jobs with the adjoining Cafe Boogaloo, The Wash Tub Launderette and the Sneeky Fox vintage clothes shop.

Mr Wood, who has done all the work with his 41-year-old romantic and business partner Tracie Walker, says the timing is perfect as the town centre is undergoing a £50million pound redevelopment.

He said: "Tourism has rocketed with Go Ape! and the mountain bike trails on Cannock Chase."

NEWS in brief

Help on getting back into work

THE unemployed can pick up tips on getting back to work next week.

At the Job Club, at Cannock Chase Council's offices at Beecroft Road, people can search the internet for vacancies or update their CV while staff hand out advice on interview preparation and applications.

The session, from 10am to 1pm on Friday, January 13, is run by Cannock Chase District Council, South Staffordshire College and JobCentre Plus.

Probus Club in recruitment bid

CANNOCK and District Men's Probus Club is appealing for an injection of new interest.

The group, for men who have retired from full-time work or are close to retiring and aged 50 or above, is welcoming new members.

The Probus Club meets on alternate Mondays at the Conservative Club in High Green, Cannock.

Business starts at 10am. For details call Chris Gooch on 01543 504721.

Bus ride is topic of meeting talk

A RIDE on the no5 Bus is the topic of the first 2012 meeting of the Norton Canes Historical Society.

Ron Bradbury, chairman of the Chasetown Heritage Group, will regale members with amusing anecdotes of the journeys undertaken on the No5 service.

The meeting is on Tuesday, January 10, from 7-9pm at Norton Canes library in Burntwood Road. Admission is free.

Threats are made to bank workers

A WOULD-BE robber threatened staff at a bank in Lichfield before fleeing empty- handed.

He targeted Santander Bank on Market Street in Lichfield at 11.10am on Thursday, December 29.

The following night, he is believed to have struck at Bargain Booze on Chase Road,Burntwood. Police describe him as being white, 5ft 7ins to 6ft tall and of medium build.

Ice skate taster

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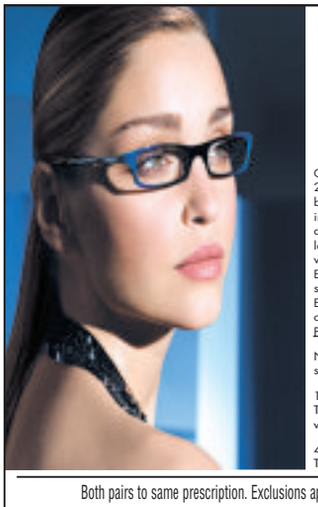

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

CAN'T help noticing when Downton Abbey creator Julian Fellowes opens his mouth, that his teeth seem to belong to two social strata. The top teeth are gleaming showbiz white but the lower teeth are traditional British ivory. Upstairs, downstairs?

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OVER the festive period, some parts of the United Kingdom were a full 30 deg C warmer than they were this time last year. Tell me again. Why exactly will an average rise of 2 degs C be a global catastrophe?

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AT THE time of writing, there is only one comment on the official website of Aidan Burley, the MP who attended a Nazi-themed stag party.

The emailer declares loyally: "In my opinion Aidan you have done an excellent job as an MP . . . I believe this should be a lesson to you on how the media portray things."

Priceless.

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I DON'T understand the excitement at the revelation, nearly 30 years after the event, that the Argentine battleship General Belgrano was sailing towards, not away from, the exclusion zone when she was torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine in the 1982 Falklands War.

Argentina never recognised the exclusion zone, so that issue is largely irrelevant. Argentina's naval commander later declared that, if he had commanded the British fleet, he would have sunk the Belgrano.

The only folk who made an issue about it were enemies of Margaret Thatcher here in Britain who claimed it was a deliberate attempt to scupper peace talks.

In fact, the talks resumed after Belgrano and HMS Sheffield had both been sunk. Unfortunately, the Argie invaders refused to leave the islands and the rest, alas, is history.

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A READER aiming to lead a healthier life in 2012 says he intends to follow the Cardiologist's Diet – if it tastes good, spit it out.

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MORE gems from the grammar of weather forecasting, collected by a reader:
*** "Freckled with showers"**
*** "Unfettered sunshine"**
*** "Showers will rumble in and shuffle out"**

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AUNTIE Beeb was technically correct in referring to the kid stabbed to death in London's Oxford Street as "an 18-year-old man."

At 18 Brits can vote, drink, hire a car and borrow money. They can also join gangs, get into silly "respect" arguments and stab each other.

But when the fight is over, it is not a man lying in the morgue.

It is somebody's little boy and you can only despair at the sheer pointless waste of it all.

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Lupus family looks ahead

A HEDNESFORD family is looking forward to the new year as it seeks to take its charity forward. The Hibbs' have been helping to raise awareness of a rare condition called Lupus.

John Hibbs, aged 33, has been the driving force behind setting up The Hibbs Lupus Trust. His sister Viki, 29, was diagnosed with the condition in 2008. Initially they helped the West Midlands Lupus Group, but set up their own charity so that Viki and other local patients could go to Cannock Hospital to be treated.

Lupus causes the body's immune system to go into overdrive and attack itself. It is believed that more than 50,000 people throughout the UK have the condition, for which there is no cure. Mr Hibbs' wife Kate, an assistant headteacher, of Bakers Way, said: "We are really excited about what the new year holds for us. We have lots of charity events planned and the support we have received is just great.

"I think we are slowly raising awareness of what Lupus is."

To find more about the trust or to raise money, visit www.hibbslu pustrust.org or follow him on twitter@hibbsy

Lupus sufferer Viki Hibbs, her mother Carol, brother John and his wife Kate

Firm collapsed owing £4.8m to 300 creditors

A BURNTWOOD cladding firm owed trade creditors more than £4.8m when it collapsed in October. Parry Bowen had been involved in building the London Olympics village.

A report from administrators Mark Hopkins, Matthew Hammond and Eddie Williams of PriceWaterhouseCooper lists nearly 300 unsecured creditors.

Parry Bowen, of Burntwood Industrial Park, had a contract for the athletes village at the London 2012 Games.

A creditors' meeting was being held this week at Fairlawns Hotel and Spa, Little Aston Road, Aldridge.

The administrators were appointed after Parry Bowen ceased trading on October 21, putting nearly 150 people out of work.

They are looking for buyers of the assets of the firm which made curtain walling and commercial windows.

The report says that in the year to June 2011 the company began to see a downturn in the market.

Glazing

It was also hit by late or withheld payments from main contractors. The 32-year-old firm, which had a turnover of £23m in the year to June 30, 2010, eventually ran out of cash. It had secured contracts for the athletes' village at Stratford.

Administrators found one contract was capable of being completed and three others could be partly done and 15 employees were taken back on as trading continued for a short time.

Creditors include Chasewater Construction Management Ltd, of Burntwood, which is owed £56,695 and Mettaline (Services) Ltd, Cannock, £58,770.

Parry Bowen's other high profile contracts included Arsenal's Emirates Stadium and Twickenham Stadium.

Information on patients is leaked by health trust

PATIENTS' personal details were leaked by Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust more than a dozen of times in the past five years.

The figures for the breaches of data were revealed under the Freedom of Information Act.

The trust, which looks after Cannock Chase and Stafford hospitals, leaked sensitive information 14 times, with three breaches in October last year alone. It had spent £4,900 on encrypted memory sticks to try to stop leaks.

Confidential

Three of the leaks involved a member of staff giving confidential information to a relative, a screenshot with personal information being seen by a contractor, and a consultant sending out a letter to a colleague.

A worker also accessed a doctor's confidential e-mail in June 2009. Action was taken against two staff.

Colin Ovington, the trust's director of nursing and midwifery, said: "We take any breach of data rules very seriously.

"These are always reported to the relevant authorities, investigated thoroughly and corrective action taken.

"Where appropriate, disciplinary action is taken."

Fair new look for facilities

James Fair reopens the changing rooms with Cannock Prince's Trust Team

VOLUNTEERS have enabled out-of-use changing rooms to be reopened after transforming the facilities.

The Prince's Trust team raised funds and carried out the renovations at Cannock Cricket and Hockey Club, in Church Lane - finishing the work within their two-week deadline.

Cannock and Great Britain hockey goalkeeper James Fair was on hand to declare the new-look rooms open and take a look around.

The changing rooms are used by hockey, cricket and football teams.

Project officer Jake Knight said: "Everyone has worked hard on this project and I hope the teams that use these changing rooms will enjoy them for years to come."

Council's housing repairs on target

HOUSING chiefs in Cannock Chase say they are on target to finish revamp work on all the council's homes by April.

Between June and September work on 13 properties was completed.

A housing report said the programme was on schedule with the majority of expected completions pencilled in for later this financial year.

The aim is to deliver 55 affordable homes during 2011 to 2012.

Work to maintain the council's housing stock to the decent homes standard is also on schedule.

Heating

In the June to September period, a total of 157 kitchens were upgraded by the authority.

Work was also carried out on central heating at 173 properties, while a further 340 were given electrical upgrades.

Second doors were installed at 45 council bungalows with external works being carried out at 251 properties.

The totals for the programme of works are due to be reported at the end of March 2012.

Hospitals to act on virus

HEALTH staff are asking visitors and relatives not to go to hospital if they have signs of a winter illness.

Colin Ovington, director of nursing and midwifery at Mid Staffs NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust, which runs Cannock and Stafford, said: "It's important we take every opportunity to reduce any potential risk.

"Asking visitors to think carefully about whether they need to come into hospital if they have flu-like symptoms is just one way in which the Trust tries to keep the number of cases of Norovirus down. "

Hopes on group

A CHIEF campaigner of a group set up to look after the interests of Cannock Chase says he hopes 2012 will bring it more recognition.

Mark Davis, of Save Cannock Chase, is campaigning to bring members of the Government's Panel of Forestry to the beauty spot.

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Nurses to get free carvery

DEDICATED nurses are being rewarded with a free carvery at a Cannock restaurant.

The offer is running from January 9 to 14 at the Mill Farm, in Lichfield Road.

According to research by the Office of National Statistics, more than 88,000 nurses worked on Christmas Day in 2010, meaning 22 per cent of all nurses in the UK missed out on precious time with friends and families.

Mill Farm manager Sue Gibbons plans to reward the unsung heroes, whose dedication and expertise often go unnoticed, particularly over the Christmas period.

She said: "Nurses spend all year looking after others. However they often don't receive the recognition they deserve, especially at Christmas. We felt it was only fitting that we roll out the red carpet and offer a meal on the house to show our appreciation."

All currently-employed nurses are eligible. All they need to do is visit www.crowncarveries.co.uk or www.facebook.com/crowncarveries from January 9 to download the 'free carvery voucher and present it along with their current ID card to staff.

Open day at travel firm

AN award-winning holiday coach company opens its doors to the public this weekend.

The open day at Parrys International in Cheslyn Hay takes place on Sunday, January 8.

Hundreds of customers are expected to flock to the Landywood Green depot from 10am until 3pm.

It will offer an exclusive insight into its premises and luxury transport, while

Stars from the Wolverhampton speedway team, which Parrys has sponsored for the past 12 years, will also be on hand.

Hospice help

A HOSPICE was handed more than £2,800 following a Christmas auction held in Penkridge.

Lots went under the hammer at Cuttlestones, with the proceeds going to Stafford's Katharine House.

Katharine House corporate fundraiser Kelly Day said: "We would like to thank the people who donated."

Entrepreneur turned down Dragon

Deborah Mitchell

AN award-winning businesswoman has told how she found success after rejecting an offer of help from Dragons Den star Theo Paphitis.

Deborah Mitchell, formerly of Rugeley, but now of Oaken, Codsall, revealed how the multi-millionaire retail magnate wanted to invest £100,000 in Heaven, the beauty firm she founded that makes the natural botox alternative Bee Venom. He approached her nine years ago with the offer after hearing of her in business circles.

The 46-year-old mother-of-two, whose business is based in Shifnal, said: "It was to help me with my packaging. I didn't have any money at the time and didn't know how to change my packaging. It was a big deal but I turned him down. He wanted me to make some products for him and I would get five per cent of the sales. I felt it was wrong to make cheaper products and put my name on the back of the box.

"My products are so expensive because they are made from very rich ingredients."

Mrs Mitchell, who recently won the title of worldwide entrepreneur of the year at a glittering ceremony in New York, also revealed the tenacious streak that helped her reject the bid and grow a £10 bag of finger-nail extensions into a £10 million-a-year company.

She said: "I have got so much determination. I would bite my own leg off to get where I wanted the business to go and I won't give in."

Mrs Mitchell began work as a mobile beauty therapist with a £10 packet of nail extensions after leaving Telford College at the age of 18.

She then took salon space in two hotels before setting up in Shifnal 14 years ago.

She now has other outlets in Taiwan, China, Cyprus, Gran Canaria, South Africa, Dubai and Singapore and counts the Duchess of Cornwall, Victoria Beckham, Simon Cowell, Gwyneth Paltrow, Dannii Minogue and Michelle Pfeiffer among her clients,

Bee Venom first went on sale around two years ago and became a big seller by word of mouth. She concocted it with a secret ingredient and has sold 50,000 pots in the festive run-up.

Fears for endangered bird as homes scheme planned

AN endangered bird species could disappear from its local habitat if a 700-home development at Pye Green Valley is given the go-ahead, according to experts.

The skylark – under threat

They claim skylark habitats in Hednesford will be threatened by the sprawling scheme, which is set to include a new school, shops and road.

Councillor Graham Burnett wants to establish a Friends of Pye Green Valley group. Residents have taken to the social networking site Facebook encouraging people to oppose the proposals.

The scheme is planned for an area of land referred to locally as The Skelly.

Saddened

Campaigners believe it will des-troy wildlife, devalue prop- erty and increase pollution.

Councillor Burnett says he has spoken to Chris Evans, a landscape architect at Staffordshire County Council, who warned him that skylarks might not return if the work goes ahead.

He said: "I have to say I was deeply saddened by the response.

"These beautiful songsters apparently are not set to ever again be a permanent resident on The Skelly.

"We will have created the perfect hunting perches with street lamps for their predators and when the people come to the new houses along with them will come their cats.

"The skylarks' fate seems to have been sealed," added Councillor Burnett. "Surely something can be done before we submit to this seemingly inevitable loss."

The skylark is protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) and the bird has seen a decline over the last 30 years.

Councillor Burnett added: "The dramatic skylark population decline also now makes it a Red List species."

St Modwen wants to build on an area the size of 95 football pitches, with more than half earmarked as parks and allotments.

First aiders' radio gift

FIRST aiders in Burntwood are better equipped to undertake medical duties thanks to the delivery of six two-way radios. The gift was presented to the Burntwood division of St John Ambulance after fundraising by local groups and a grant from Lichfield District Council.

The radios will enable first aiders to communicate quickly with each other while on duty. Donations came from the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Pride of the Chase Lodge 2994 and the Burntwood St John Fellowship.

Sailing club members cause a splash

Members of Chase Sailing Club who walked around Chasewater reservoir because of low water levels

SAILING enthusiasts still caused a splash despite water levels at their traditional venue being low.

The 55-year-old Boxing Day tradition of a festive sail and walk was kept alive by the Chase Sailing Club at Chasewater.

The club members walked around the popular tourist attraction, while just two sailors braved the shallow waters to give a token effort to the tradition.

Sailors from the club were unable to properly take their boats out onto the water due to the low water following repair work being done on the dam at the site.

Club spokesman Roger Round said: "The previous year (2010) was the first year we were unable to sail, but this time around we had two lads out on their boats, while everyone else walked around the perimeter of the reservoir.

Well-earned

"There was just enough water to get a couple of boats on there," he added.

"Usually we do have a Boxing Day race but we haven't now been able to do that for two years. But it is still nice to be able to do it and meet the members while having a well-earned walk around it after Christmas.

"Hopefully this year the club should be able to start sailing again, we would like it to be March."

The reservoir, which was built in 1799, has been having walls repaired for the first time in 200 years.

The work, which cost £3 million was commissioned after a report prepared by Lichfield District Council warned that urgent action was needed to prevent dire consequences.

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NEWS in brief

Grand prix sum totalled £1,500

A WHEELCHAIR grand prix at Cannock Chase Hospital raised a four-figure sum.

The event made more than £1,500 including a single donation of £1,000. More than 50 patients and members of staff took part in the relay race, which is organised by former patient and hospital volunteer Paul Rhodes.

Patients came out on top for the seventh successive year in October's event. Money will go towards rehabilitation equipment.

Runners to face a gruelling race

A GRUELLING 16-mile race across Cannock Chase takes place on January 15. The annual Trig Point Race starts and finishes on Milford Common with registration at Milford Hall Cricket Club.

There will be a race for 12-17-year-olds, another for those aged 14-15 and one for 16-17-year-olds.

Prizes will be awarded to the first three men and women in the senior race and first three boys and girls in each of the junior races. Anyone interested should call 01785 665167.

US museums in queue on Hoard

AMERICAN museums are queuing up to exhibit the Staffordshire Hoard.

More than 100 artefacts are on show at the National Geographic Museum in Washington until March and other US venues are now keen to display the treasure.

The Anglo-Saxon treasure was unearthed by metal detecting enthusiast Terry Herbert in Hammerwich in July 2009.

Hospital plans are on agenda

THE latest developments at Cannock and Stafford hospitals are on the agenda at public meetings later this month.

The meetings are on January 26 at Cannock Chase Council's civic centre in Beecroft Road from 5.45-8pm and the following day at the Gatehouse Theatre Eastgate Street, Stafford from 6-8pm.

Have your say

A CONSULTATION on planned changes to the way patient complaints are dealt with takes place from 6pm on January 9 at the Cannock's civic ballroom in Beecroft Road.

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High meat prices leads to increase in sheep rustling

LIVESTOCK rustlers are hitting farms across Staffordshire on average twice a month due to the soaring price of lamb.

Farmers' insurance claims doubled last year to more than £40,000.

There were 23 thefts up until December, with raiders taking an average of £1,800 worth of animals each time.

Nationally more than 65,000 sheep were stolen last year.

Thefts of livestock have increased following a rise in the price of lamb chops. The price increase has come due to a sheep shortage.

A weak pound, harsh winter in 2010 and falling profits for farmers has meant that far fewer sheep are being reared, putting prices up.

Insurance company NFU Mutual, which covers three quarters of the UK's farmers, said the cost of claims nationally this year was up to £6 million.

Tractors

Spokesman Will Howell said: "During the last decade, livestock rustling has been at historically low levels while rural thieves concentrated on easy pickings – stealing quad bikes, tractors and expensive power tools from farms.

"Now however, high meat prices and improved security on farm vehicles appear to be leading to a resurgence in livestock rustling."

In addition to sheep, hundreds of cattle and pigs and thousands of game birds have been stolen.

Farmer Richard Robinson, aged 45, who runs Red Brae Farm, off the A5 in Burntwood, discovered eight of his cattle – worth up to £600 each – had been stolen.

He said: "They must have been in a few times and taken one or two at a time so it's harder to notice.

"I have grown up farming for 40 years and this has never happened before."

Festive tree sales drop

Cannock Chase visitor centre manager Andy Coggins with an unsold Christmas tree

ALMOST 1,000 Christmas trees were left unsold at Birches Valley Centre on Cannock Chase.

Despite pegging prices, the Forestry Commission saw a big drop in sales - and the pines have now been chipped to use as mulch. Visitor centre manager Andy Coggins said they sold around 9,500 trees.

"We expect sales to improve in the coming years as the economy starts to grow again," he said.

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Trade is blooming

Tim Porter, MD of the Hollybush Garden Centre and Nurseries in Shareshill

GARDEN centres across Staffordshire saw a boom in trade towards the end of the year thanks to the unseasonably mild weather.

The region was battered by heavy snow in the run up to Christmas 2010, but December last year saw warmer than average temperatures, leading to shoppers flocking to garden centres.

Tim Porter, managing director of Hollybush Garden Centre in Shareshill, said trade was back on par with 2009 after lower than normal sales figures throughout 2010.

"People bought more Christmas stock and real Christmas trees," he said.

Joanne Hawkins-McDowell, manager of Shenstone Garden Centre in Birmingham Road, Shenstone, said: "We have definitely had more footfall. We have also sold a lot more bedding and shrubs as people have been planting more. House plant sales have been strong too."

Panto ticket sales dwarf all previous productions

THOUSANDS of panto fans helped Cannock's seasonal show break box office records. Theatre bosses are delighted with the success of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

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All but two of the 12 shows at the Prince of Wales Centre, in Church Street sold out.

The show opened on Christmas Eve and ended on Saturday (December 31), but its success has encouraged theatre bosses to consider extending its next panto run this year.

Snow White featured former Coronation Street actor Chris Quinten – who played Brian Tilsley in the soap – as the evil Ramsbottom.

Sold out

With more than 5,000 people booking to see the 2011 show, talks are to take place over extending this year's run to longer than its traditional week.

Duty manager Sandra Conroy said: "It's been a really good season with all the matinees sold out and most of the evening performances."

She added: "There were good songs, a tap dance routine, which always goes down well and an hilarious dame."

Ticket sales easily beat last year's run of Cinderella, which starred another former Corrie actor Nick Cochrane.

Bosses had hailed the 2009 run of Sleeping Beauty, with Hannah Hobley from ITV's hit comedy Benidorm, as one of its most successful pantos. It was seen by just under 4,000 people.

Snow White is the latest in a number of successes for the venue. Among recent sell-out shows were Eagles tribute band Talon on December 14 and Beyond The Barricade on December 16.

Ms Conroy said: "We've had good word-of-mouth reviews and picked up a lot of late bookings as a result."

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Offensive to all the victims of Holocaust

ENOUGH is enough. Our MP Aidan Burley has to go.

He is bringing shame to Cannock Chase by his disgraceful behaviour. First he tried to distance himself from his friends' behaviour, if it turns out, as alleged, that he paid for the SS uniform worn by his friend.

Silly behaviour after a few drinks at a stag do is one thing but this offensive behaviour seems to have been pre-planned.

It is unacceptable for our MP to behave in this manner. It is offensive to the victims of the Holocaust and to all those, including many local people, who fought against fascism in WWII

The Prime Minister talks about Christian ethical values while one of his MPs, and, apparently, a personal friend, behaves in such a disgusting manner.

Mr Burley should resign.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Cannock

One of most focused politicians

I HAVE no direct interest or involvement with Aidan Burley or the local or national Conservative Party. However, I am a lifelong Tory voter.

I have been able to cast my vote for years and I have seen and heard of all sorts of misdemeanours carried out by MPs from all parts of the house.

Mr Burley is a relatively young and inexperienced MP. That can be his only excuse. There is no real excuse for the behaviour that he was involved in at this stag party and I'm confident that with the benefit of hindsight and given the chance to wind back the clock, he would not have got involved.

While the whole silly idea is clearly offensive to the vast majority of right thinking people, to a group of young men fooling about on a stag night I'm sure seemed a good idea at the time.

Yet I have rarely come across an MP who has worked so hard across the spectrum of his constituency as Mr Burley. He is one of the most focused and dedicated MPs in the country.

So, should he be sacked or demoted? Absolutely not. Should he receive a dressing down? Absolutely.

He's made a stupid mistake and shown poor judgement. Yes, he should have known better given his position of responsibility, but if we lose him as our MP, Cannock will be the poorer for it.

STEVE BROWN
Cannock

Plea to wardens on blue badge misuse

IN these straitened times, cash-strapped councils increase parking fees to supplement income which, in turn, causes motorists to shop out of town, and reduces overall income. A classic Catch 22 situation.

Meantime some disability badge holders flaunt regulations governing use, by passing badges around family and friends and denying use of spaces to those in genuine need.

A typical fine for an offence by the average motorist amounts to £60. Misuse of blue badge privileges incurs a penalty of up to £1,000 and withdrawal of the badge. If parking wardens targeted blue badge abusers, income would escalate and free up disability bays for genuine users.

Just one penalty levied for fraudulent use of disability facilities could equate to 16 fines imposed on normal motorists. As a genuinely disabled person, I would welcome the challenge of a parking warden.

ALAN V HARRISON
Great Wyrley

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Outrage at cheating

I was outraged to read of people cheating on the written driving test. In any dealings I have had with this department, I have had to show photographic evidence of ID. The person in charge of any office who has allowed these offences to occur must be dismissed. Either stupidity or idleness has allowed this cheating and neither trait can be carried by a person in such an important position.

Mr P Hang
Norton Canes

De-select MP call to local party

IN the light of Aidan Burley's recent behaviour, I am sure the people of Cannock wish to be represented by a trustworthy MP, regardless of the party they represent.

Mr Burley stated he was a 'local lad' but was born in New Zealand. He claimed if elected he would live in the constituency, which he did, renting accommodation at something like £650-plus per month but then moved to a place outside the area at £1,600 per month.

He is now involved in the incident of Nazism in France, no doubt offending the people in the quiet village, as well as those in Cannock's German twin town.

I am sure most residents feel they do not wish to be associated with such behaviour and call upon the local Conservative Party to de-select Aidan Burley – just as the Prime Minister has done in sacking him as a PPS in the Ministry of Transport Office.

BRIAN H BOTTOMER
Wimblebury

There's just no place for glorifying Nazism

IN my opinion, 'Herr' Burley should resign. There is no place in Cannock the UK or the world for that matter, for people to glorify Nazism or even joke about it.

There are some survivors of Nazi concentration camps still living in the Cannock area and also many relations of those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis. Some of these people may have even voted for him. It's easy to say sorry now

Had this party been held in Poland, he and his grubby little mates might have been laughing on the other side of their faces in a cell.

J DAVIES
Landywood

Misgivings as plan for forests backed

I WAS interested to read of the alleged antics of our MP. I did not vote for Aidan Burley and I first had misgivings when I read of his glowing enthusiasm for plans to privatise our national forests and woodlands.

The uproar against this policy caused the Government to do a U-turn, after which Mr Burley made himself out to be the champion of public ownership.

As to Mr Burley's present predicament it seems he was alleged to have personally hired the Nazi uniform. If this proves to be the case, I feel he has brought shame to our community and it would be better if he resigned as our MP.

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Organiser Helen Borton with sponsors; front, Josh Friberg from Waymax; Back, l to r: Ian Chattaway, MD of B3 Ltd, Michael Barber, Norton and District Funeral Directors and Ryan Starkie of Waymax

FOUR sponsors have stepped in to ensure it is full steam ahead for a charity transport show.

Organisers Helen and David Borton needed at least £500 to enable April's show to go ahead at Chasewater Country Park.

The show raises money for the Midland Air Ambulance as well as other local groups and schools and can go ahead after generous sponsors, namely Waymax Self Drive Hire, B3 Ltd, Norton and District Funeral Directors and Need 2 Insure, came forward.

Ian Chattaway, managing director of B3 Ltd, offered £500. He said: "It's such a good, free, local event and we wanted to show our support."

Donations in 2011 amounted to £1,800, £700 less than in 2009, despite attracting a record 6,000 visitors.

The sponsorship will help cover the costs of toilet hire, insurance, generator hire and park hire as well as additional attractions which will include bike stuntman Dan Savage.

Mother-of-two Helen, aged 27, said: "A massive thank you goes to all of the sponsors. Everyone works so hard to make it a success, it would have been a crying shame to see it cancelled."

Drivers will be asked to make a voluntary £1 donation to park to help raise even more cash.

For more information visit **www.chasewatertransportshow.com** or call Helen on 01543 500926.

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Three refugees from Margate billeted at 43 Queen Street– the home of the local blacksmith

Dunkirk survivors at St Matthews Hospital in Burntwood

Hero Sam Whitehouse is carried down Chasetown high street

That Dunkirk spirit lives on as survivors become 'Chase Folk'

The local Auxiliary Fire Brigade in their home-made appliance

SAM Whitehouse of Chasetown was a bit of a character. Supposedly brought up by gypsies at Tipton, he had a strong relationship with horses.

Sam kept horses near his house in Paviors Row, Hammerwich. These houses were always thought to be in Chasetown after the new village was formed, but were actually over the border in Hammerwich.

At one time, he had the contract to scrape all the muck off the High Street, which was a dirt road at that time, which he then deposited onto a field opposite his house. The resulting hay harvest was sold to the Colliery to feed the pit ponies and horses.

After being caught driving his pony and trap in a reckless manner down the High Street, he was supposed to attend court, but instead he went off to the Great War as groom to one of the sons of the Worthington's Brewery family, who were Lords of the Manor of parts of Burntwood, and lived at Maple Hayes. When

MEMORY LANE

by Ron Bradbury

Worthington came home for spot of leave, Sam came with him. He was arrested and hauled in front of a judge at Lichfield for his non-appearance two years before.

When Worthington spoke up for him saying that Sam had been with him in France up to his neck in muck and bullets, the judge allegedly dismissed the case and awarded Sam half a crown for wrongful arrest.

Sam was one of the few soldiers allowed leave from the front and was hailed as a hero by the local Chasetown people. Sam, I suspect, was laughing up his sleeve.

The Second World War also saw enterprise at work. This time the horse-power was in the form of a petrol engine. One of the photographs here shows the local Auxiliary Fire Brigade in their homemade fire engine. This was a conversion of a Humber – or Hillman – van or car, and it certainly looks the part.

The driver is a member of the well-known Richards family of Chasetown.

Another photo shows three of the refugees from Margate, Kent, who were billeted at number 43 Queen Street, Chasetown. This was the home of Mr Gough the local blacksmith.

Invasion

A lot of the Dunkirk survivors landed at Margate and Ramsgate, with Dover a few miles away, so this was a danger area for invasion, so all the children of the coastal towns were sent inland.

Some evacuees stayed here as they had started working and soon they married locally and settled down becoming 'Chase Folk'.

Some Dunkirk survivors were sent to St Matthews hospital at Burntwood and are shown here on one photo, getting over their injuries and the shock of the event.

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CLUB NEWS

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Excellent speech by Bill actor

ETCHING HILL WI

IN addition to November's monthly meeting, members attended the Country Markets Day at the County Showground.

One of the excellent speakers was the actor Graham Cole, famous as Pc Tony Stamp in The Bill, who was playing Ebenezer Scrooge in A Christmas Carol at the Lichfield Garrick.

Graham is involved with a number of charities, among them the National Holiday Fund, which takes sick and disabled children to Disney Land Florida, Childline, and the showbusiness charity "The Grand Order of Water Rats".

During November a group took the train to London to take in a tour of the Globe Theatre on the South Bank - a very enjoyable day out. Other members went to the Crown Hotel, Stone, for Christmas lunch.

WI members enjoyed the December meeting when the speaker was Frances Kennedy. Her subject was a coffee & cinnamon Christmas, which was about her visit over the Christmas holidays to friends in India.

December also included an excellent three-course Christmas meal at the Lady Walk tearoom at Shugborough and a Christmas carol service at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

On January 11, Carol Field will give 'A Practical Session in Jewellery Making'.

SSAFA members served up a treat

Front; Lion Mark Wyton, President Doug Smith, Sir James Hawley KCVO TD carving Turkey and District Governor Beryl Roberts with SSAFA Members

CANNOCK LIONS CLUB

CANNOCK Lions Club provided an excellent home cooked Christmas Lunch for members of S.S.A.F.A. (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association).

Lord Lieutenant Sir James Hawley carved the turkey, while Santa was also in attendance along with the Lions' District Governor Beryl Roberts, who said: "This is what Lions do best, serving their local communities."

Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club Male Voice Choir provided the entertainment. Cannock Lions Club would like to thank Novellis UK for the donation of wine to accompany the meal and to Famous Grouse for the whisky it sent a a gift.

More photos and video can be seen on Cannock Lions Facebook page and website.

For more about Cannock Lions and what they do, call Beverley on 07744 202842.

Superb dinner ended year

CHASE TERRACE LADIES

THE finale of 2011 for 39 ladies from Chase Terrace Ladies Club was a superb dinner and disco at The Terrace Restaurant in Brownhills.

The atmosphere was brilliant, there were superb Christmas decorations and every place setting had a Christmas cracker and a balloon. The meals were chosen from a very comprehensive menu and the service was impeccable and the food delicious. Coffee and mince pies followed before the music, provided by Dave Dee, The Complete Disco Service Ltd.

The next meeting is on Thursday, January 19 at 7.30pm in the meeting room at Burntwood Library at Sankeys Corner.

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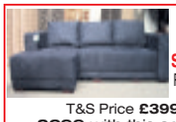

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Saddlers fan wins limo ride

A YOUNG football fan has won a trip for himself and six pals in a limo after writing a Walsall FC-themed Christmas song.

Ryan Davies, aged 12, from Hednesford, penned new lyrics to the tune Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

The club was so impressed that they printed the whole song by season ticket holder Ryan in the matchday programme on Boxing Day when the Saddlers beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1.

Ryan, a Kingsmead Technology College pupils, will be picked up in the limo with his friends and driven to the League One game against Notts County at the Banks's Stadium on January 28 and then driven home again.

Ryan, who plays for Hawkins Sports under-12s in the Lichfield & District Recreational League, said: "I was shocked to find out I had won but I am excited about going to the game in a limo."

Village pub jobs chance

A RECRUITMENT day is being held today (Thursday) at a Great Wyrley pub which is looking for 15 staff.

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Steve Grice, of Ludgate Finance, Richard Clarke, of Red Advertising, and Kevin Caley, Business Loan Network

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Red Advertising is currently working towards growing a £400,000 a year turnover to a figure approaching £2m.

Difficult

Managing director Richard Clarke said the firm had been turned down for support by six major high street banks.

"Market conditions are difficult for everyone at the moment," he said. "But you can stand still and remain low key or battle against the market conditions, like we have, and look to expand."

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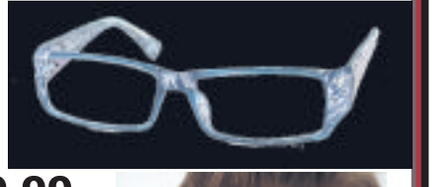

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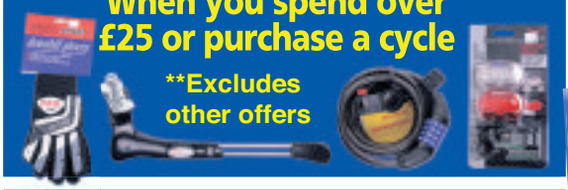

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Burial fees rise to be put on ice by council

BURIAL fees in Cannock Chase will be frozen as plans for a 10 per cent rise were rejected. The increase had been earmarked along with a further 14 per cent rise in 2013/14.

by Mark Mudie

It is estimated the fee rise would have created an extra £13,000 for the district council over the two financial years, but the revised plan to scrap the increases is included in the authority's draft budget.

A burial plot at Cannock, Rugeley or Stile Cop cemeteries will remain at £615 while the fee for installing a headstone will stay at £146.

Council leader Councillor George Adamson said budget plans drawn up by the previous Liberal Democrat administration had included the increased charges.

Trauma

The Labour group leader, who took the helm in May, said: "We are proposing to scrap those increases for obvious reasons.

"We are in an economic crisis and we need to make things as easy as possible for people, particularly at a time of family trauma. The rises would have made the council an extra £6,000 next year and a further £7,000 the following year but we think we can manage without that," he added.

"People are struggling and this is something we can do to help."

Under other budget proposals council tax bills will be frozen for the next two years and £45,000 will be pumped into creating extra capacity at Stile Cop Cemetery, in Stile Cop Road. A further 1,200 spaces would be added.

The authority is also looking at introducing a free pest control service, costing £24,000, to help people deal with rats, mice, fleas, bedbugs and cockroaches.

Bosses also want to spend £7,000 improving street signs in the district.

Parish in the picture

David Williams with copies of the Bridgtown Past and Present calendar 2012

IMAGES of Bridgtown past and present are featured in a new calendar for 2012. Retired headteacher David Williams, of Allport Street, Cannock, spent more than three months compiling Bridgtown Past and Present.

The 70-year-old has created the calendar on behalf of Bridgtown and District Local History Society. It is for sale for £5 at outlets including Preece Newsagents in Bridgtown and the Hollybush Garden Centre in Shareshill.

Blood donor session

DONORS can roll up their sleeves in Heath Hayes next week. NHS Blood and Transplant is holding sessions at the Constitutional Club in Hednesford Road, on Tuesday, January 10. To book, between 1.30 and 3.30pm or from 4.30 to 7.30pm, call 0300 123 23 23.

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New group aims to put canal network on map

A NEW group has been launched aiming at putting Staffordshire's 154 miles of canals on the national map.

County bosses are backing the initiative to boost the county's tourism prospects.

The new Staffordshire Waterways Group will bring together various organisations in a co-ordinated approach to promoting and improving local water-based attractions and towpaths.

Among features it wants to highlight are Chasewater and an annual waterways festival, which is held on the Trent and Mersey Canal at Shobnall Fields and this year attracted 360 boats and more than 25,000 visitors.

Two Staffordshire councillors have helped launch the new partnership. Cabinet members Mike Maryon and Pat Corfield attended the group's inaugural meeting at county headquarters in Stafford.

The authority's Destination Staffordshire tourism team and members of the Inland Waterways Association were also invited.

Councillor Maryon, transport leader, said: "The county council is keen to support the aims of the new group and to maximise opportunities for promoting wealth and well-being with the county's canals.

Tourists

"Staffordshire is the canal county, with over 154 miles of waterways and towpaths. We attract thousands of boat tourists as well as over a thousand moorers."

Councillor Corfield, responsible for culture and communities, said the county's canals were among its biggest assets.

He added: "We've already contributed £6m to the rebuilding of Chasewater dam, which provides an important water source for the West Midlands canal network."

Roger Savage, of the Inland Waterway Association, said: "The bringing together of all the local societies proves there's a great deal happening on Staffordshire's canals."

Gym offers health MoT

Mandy Meakin with personal trainer Doramy Fisher at the Nuffield Health Fitness and Wellbeing Centre in Hednesford

A GYM Hednesford is celebrating a surge in membership numbers as people flock to lose the pounds they have piled on since Christmas.

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All would-be tenants facing criminal checks

ALL would-be tenants could have to undergo police checks before being allowed the chance of a council home in Cannock Chase.

The plans to weed out convicted troublemakers have been launched by Cannock Chase District Council. It is the first authority in the region to introduce the police screening for tenants.

Anyone in the household with a serious criminal conviction will be banned from renting a property from either the council or social landlords in Cannock, Hednesford or Rugeley.

Council leader George Adamson said the idea "may seem Big Brother-ish" but had been welcomed in consultations.

Staffordshire Police will carry out the checks free of charge and expect to carry out between 20 to 30 checks a week. The screenings will begin in April if approved by housing chiefs.

Tenancy services manager Nigel Haywood said there would be no blanket exclusions, with each applicant being considered on his or her individual merit.

Appeal

Convicted shoplifters would not necessarily be kicked off the list but drug dealers and persistent trouble-makers would. There will be a right of appeal.

The checks will be made when the applicants reach the top 10 on the shortlist for vacant properties.

Existing council tenants will be exempt from the investigations. Councillor Adamson said it would be too difficult to eject current tenants from their homes.

"We're doing this because it's clear that not all council tenants disclose their criminal convictions when asked to do so on the housing application forms.

"As the courts are reluctant to take away people's homes from them, we hope to launch these checks to cut down on the likelihood of behaviour."

L.O.S.T. to find fame

Frontman Shawn Booker with fellow L.OS.T. band members Damian Reed, Danny Enza and Tom Bishop

A BAND has taken the first step on the ladder to fame and fortune with their debut album.

The 11-track Ticking Time Bomb by L.O.S.T. is available to download from the iTunes store.

Formed in the summer of 2008, the quartet hails from Rugeley and Stafford and has been touring extensively over the past few years. Frontman Shawn Booker, aged 21, said: "We have been writing material for about a year-and-a-half and performing them live."

The line-up is completed by Tom Bishop, 20, on lead guitar, bassist Danny Enza, 21 and drummer Damian Reed, 20.

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Open days at college campuses

PROSPECTIVE students can take a look around South Staffordshire College's four campuses later this month.

A host of open days are being held by the college, which has sites at Cannock, Lichfield, Rodbston and Tamworth.

The first being held at the Rodbaston Campus on January 23 from 6-8pm.

Another is taking place in Tamworth on January 24 from 6-8pm. At the Lichfield Campus, at The Friary, an open event is taking place on January 25 from 6-8pm.

A similar open evening is being held at the Cannock Campus, in The Green, on January 26 from 5-7pm.

Anyone going along will be able to ask questions, take a look around and talk to course tutors to find out about the courses on offer.

Those hoping to attend are advised to find out which courses are held at each site before they attend.

Visit www.southstaffs.ac.uk for more details.

Ramblers in Chase trek

A NINE-MILE moderate walk on Cannock Chase is this weekend's offering by the Chase & District Group Ramblers.

The walk starts at 9am prompt from Hednesford rail station car park, in Anglesey Street, led by John and Carol on 01543 686429.

Jean still on cloud nine after a whirlwind year

Britain's Got Talent star organist Jean Martyn looks forward to 2012

ORGANIST Jean Martyn is still a woman in demand – more than six months after making a name for herself on Britain's Got Talent.

It was a whirlwind 2011 for the Lichfield-born performer, a former Cannock school music teacher, with dozens of TV and radio appearances under her belt.

She also switched on the Christmas lights in Cannock as well as in her her home village of Brewood and 2012 promises to be just as busy for Jean, with numerous concerts planned.

Also in the pipeline are stints on popular TV shows including Loose Women and Channel 4's The Paul O'Grady Show.

"I'm still on cloud nine," the 60-year-old beamed. "I had a tremendous 2011 and I hope 2012 will be just as good. I'm looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead."

Jean won over audiences on BGT with her lively and energetic performances and made it into the final.

In a six month spell, the former Cannock Chase High music teacher has appeared on Channel 5 show Big Brother, played at both St James's Palace and Buckingham Palace.

Crazy

In December, Jean released her first album, Just Jean, a CD of boogie-woogie music, followed by another compilation album A Christmas Star.

"I can't believe I have my own albums now. It's crazy," she said.

Jean is also looking at venturing into after-dinner speaking this year. And she revealed one of her dreams would be performing at London's Royal Albert Hall.

"Playing at the Albert Hall would be the pinnacle for me," she said. "It would be a dream come true. It is also one of my greatest dreams to play a concert at Macy's in America."

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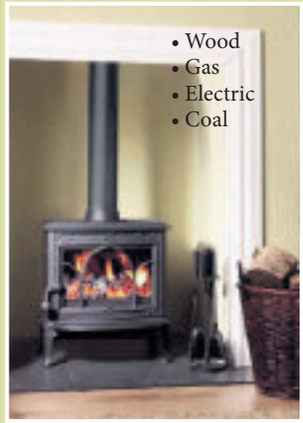

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Trekkers turn park into Chasewalker

Dozens of people joined a three-mile guided walk around the Chasewater beauty spot to see in the new year

SCORES of people took part in a new guided walk to see in 2012 at Chasewater Country Park.

A three-mile walk around the beauty spot attracted many people from across the region looking for a healthy way to kick-start the new year.

Starting from the Chasewater Innovation Centre, the New Year's Walk took in the large reservoir led by country park ranger Ellen Williams. She said: "It's the first time we have done it here, but we plan to hold a lot more." The reservoir, which was built in 1799, has been having walls repaired for the first time in 200 years.

The work, costing £3m was commissioned after a report prepared by Lichfield District Council warned that urgent action was needed.

Without the work, the walls of the dam could have been breached by a heavy flood.

High praise for academy

A BURNTWOOD school has been praised for its high teaching standards after an Ofsted inspection which focused on citizenship.

The inspection took place at Erasmus Darwin Academy in November and the recently published report judged the school's provision of the subject to be 'good with outstanding features'.

It follows the school's record GCSE results last August when 99 per cent of pupils recorded five A* to C grades.

Ofsted inspector Rashida Sharif spent two days at the academy, in Pool Road, observing lessons, scrutinising documents, viewing students' work and speaking to staff and pupils.

She noted that citizenship at the school, formerly known as Chasetown Specialist Sports College, had a distinct and prominent profile in the life and work of the academy.

Active

"Students' knowledge and understanding of citizenship key concepts are secure at both Key Stages 3 and 4," her report added.

"These are particularly strong in the sixth form enabling students to play an active role both within academy and at local and national level. Students find the subject relevant and value the extensive opportunities to discuss current and world affairs as well as topical events."

Quality of teaching and leadership and management in citizenship was said to be 'good', while a key strength was the work done to promote active citizenship around the school.

Principal Bernice Astling said she was delighted with the report.

"I am very proud of the staff and students," she said. "They work exceedingly hard to achieve well in citizenship and all other subjects."

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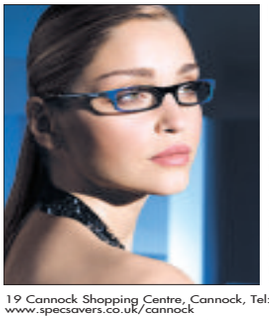

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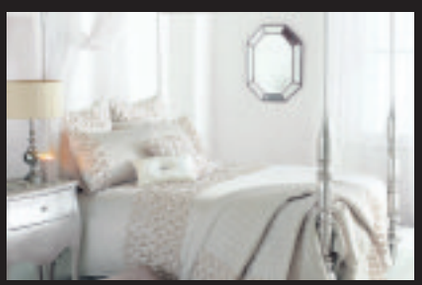

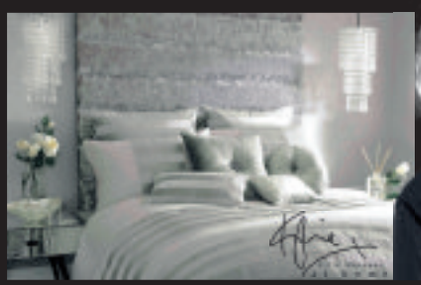

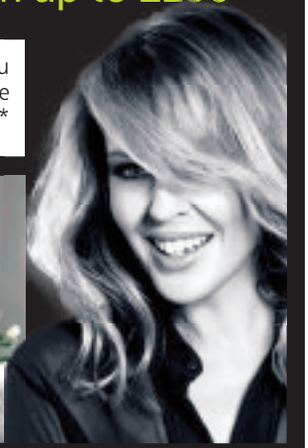

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Staff were in the store at the time, 6.50pm on December 11, but the three raiders did not approach them. They escaped in a grey Mazda 3 along Lichfield Road towards Burntwood. The car was later recovered in Solihull.

One was described as Asian man, aged 18-30. He was around 5 ft 5ins tall, stocky with a chubby face, dark eyes and spoke with a heavy Birmingham accent. The second was around 6ft tall and wore a brown hooded top and dark gloves. The third, aged 18-30, was between 5ft 6ins and 5ft 11ins tall. Call DC Paul Whitehouse on 01785 234205.

Artists' work on display

Information officer Jan Matthews shows off the display

EMBROIDERED fabrics, dresses and bags are catching the attention of visitors to Chasewater Innovation Centre.

An exhibition has been put on by a group of artists called Zig-zaggable in the foyer of the centre at Chasewater Country Park in Pool Road.

Members, who come from South Staffordshire, North Birmingham and South Derbyshire, met on a machine embroidery course at Lichfield College. They have since continued to meet to explore their talents.

The brightly-coloured exhibition ends tomorrow (Friday).

New parking charges in place at hospitals

NEW short-term parking charges have been introduced at Cannock Chase and Stafford hospitals as part of a raft of proposals to save hundreds of thousands of pounds.

By Mark Mudie

Fees will range from 80p for up to 30 minutes to £6 for 24 hours.

Until the new charges came into force, three rates of pay – for up to four hours, between four and eight and eight to 24 hours had been in place.

Now, people staying between seven and eight hours will be worst hit, paying £6, up from £4.

Finance director Darren Cattell said the new rates, which came into effect from Tuesday, January 3, would reduce congestion.

Overspend

It was revealed in December that a review of tariffs had been ordered, with chiefs at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust needing to save £200,000 each month up to the end of March on top of £100,000 savings they are already making. The trust must not exceed an agreed overspend of £18million for the year.

Mr Cattell said: "These changes are designed to help to increase flow through our car parks, in order to try and reduce the congestion which can cause inconvenience to patients and visitors.

"The 'zero to four hours' rate previously charged encouraged people to arrive early for appointments and stay later – for example to have lunch, and at Cannock we are aware that some people who paid for four hours also went into the town after visiting the hospital.

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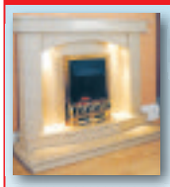

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TV's Zoe is star name at comedy club in city

MOCK THE WEEK regular Zoe Lyons tops the bill for a new year of laughs at the Stroke Comedy Club.

The award-winning stand up will appear at the Lichfield venue on March 1 on the same bill as Dudley-born comic Sean Percival.

Lyons began her career in 2003 and has since made television appearances on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, The Paul O'Grady Show and Live at the Comedy Store.

She will be the latest of a series of famous acts to have graced the Stroke stage, including Rhod Gilbert, Marcus Brigstocke, Andi Osho and Rob Deering, while Hal Cruttenden performed at the Lichfield venue this week.

Finalist

Tim Clark, labelled as an "unsung hero of stand up comedy", is the headliner for the club's next monthly comedy night, which takes place on February 2.

In April Barry Dodds, a finalist in the Jimmy Carr Comedy Idol competition, is due to perform, while Paul Sinha, Tom Wrigglesworth, Dougie Dunlop, Markus Birdman, Paul Kerensa and Raymond and Mr Timpkins Revue have also been lined up to appear in the next few months.

For full listings visit www.strokecomedy.com or call 07816 778709 for more details and tickets.

The club is based at The George Hotel on Bird Street and shows take place on the first Thursday of every month.

Tuning up for vintage year on music scene

CRYSTAL balls aren't required for those predicting a vintage year on the local music scene in 2012.

The region's live music venues are in fine shape, with Birmingham's revamped O2 complex and the city's soon-to-be improved NIA arena both attracting huge acts.

The LG Arena also retains its status as a 'must-visit' destination for stadium rock bands, while other regional venues, such as the Wolverhampton Civic Halls, hold enduring appeal.

At grassroots level, there has been a decline in the number of pubs and clubs – the loss 12 months ago of Dudley's near-legendary JBs club is still felt – but that does not mean great live music can't be found for those with sufficient commitment.

Favourite

The Robin 2 in Bilston, continues to attract the best in vintage rock, blues and soul; The Haygate, in Wellington, is a perennial favourite for local artists while the Slade Rooms, in Wolverhampton, offers the best of all worlds.

It's a popular destination among up-and-coming alternative bands – the sort that NME loves to write about – while it's also on the list of cult bands on the comeback trail. While it will be some months before bands start announcing their plans for the phenomenally busy autumn period, a number of groups has been quick out of the traps in booking gigs for the early part of 2012.

The LG Arena will resonate to the sounds of Snow Patrol on February 4, as the Northern Irish combo promote their newest album Fallen Empires.

The cd is vintage 'Patrol, featuring a number of trademark anthems that have already become fan favourites, and it's likely to be one of the best gigs of spring. Olly Murs, Jason Derulo, Rammstein, The Wanted, JLS, Steps, Il Divo, Barry Manilow, Westlife, Elton John, Blink 182, Roxette, Andrea Bocelli and Andre Rieu have already made bookings for the coming 12 months.

Success

However, another standout gig will feature Florence + The Machine, who return on March 13, following the huge success of their second album, Ceremonials which sold more than one million units in the two weeks following its release, as the album reached the top of the UK charts and the Billboard Top 10 within its first week.

The NIA has a host of big name acts, with plenty of rock and pop in store. One Direction, Australian Pink Floyd, The Four Tops and Temptations, Joe Bonamassa, Chris Rea, Brit Floyd, Peter Andre and Chris de Burgh are among those who line-up.

But many eyes will be on the return of Noel Gallagher, whose High Flying Birds will play on March 1. The NIA pulled off a coup in attracting Noel to the venue.

His band's debut album featured former Oasis session pianist Mike Rowe, The Lemon Trees' drummer Jeremy Stacey, The Zutons' bassist Russell Pritchard and guitarist Tim Smith.

Snow Patrol will be playing in Birmingham during their tour in February

Wolverhampton's Civic Halls have numerous bookings for the first part of the year, with Ed Sheeran headlining two sold-out gigs in January. Other acts booked to play include Henry Rollins, Thin Lizzy, Puressence, The Presidents of the United States of America, Stourbridge's Pop Will Eat Itself, The Maccabees, Enter Shikari, Noah and the Whale, UFO, The Osmonds, Bombay Bicycle Club and Professor Green.

The gigs will come thick and fast at the O2 Academy, in Birmingham, with The Black Dahlia Murder, Christina Perri, Panic! At The Disco, Kaiser Chiefs, James Morrison, The Great Western, New Found Glory, Sum 41, Big Country, Two Door Cinema Club among those lined-up.

With V Festival, the Big Chill, Osfest, Shrewsbury Folk Festival and numerous other events planned for the heady months of summer, 2012 is already shaping up to be a vintage year. **ANDY RICHARDSON**

REVIEWS

The Complete Beatles, Prince of Wales Centre,

THE MUSIC of the Beatles will always live on, but in the absence of the real thing, it needs an authentic tribute band to recreate the sounds and harmonies of the Fab Four.

The Complete Beatles did just that.

To my mind, a Beatles tribute needs a left-handed Paul to be truly authentic, and these did. It was clear from the opening number I Saw Her Standing There that the band had the voices and the mannerisms off to a tee.

Nowhere Man and This Boy were particularly well delivered, while the whole crowd was invited to join in with Hey Jude.

There were cameos from 'Ringo' in the form of Act Naturally and With A Little Help From My Friends, while George's contribution songwise was restricted to rock 'n' roll numbers including Roll Over Beethoven.

After a two-hour show, there were still so many songs that could have been included. It was, however, a must for all Beatles fans.

Mark Shipp

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Prince of Wales Centre,

CHILDREN and adults alike were given a real festive treat as they enjoyed an entertaining performance at the Prince of Wales annual panto.

Despite a rocky start when Snow White's microphone failed to work the cast rose to the occasion and entertained a sell-out audience.

Chris Quinten who played Brian Tilsley in Coronation Street was billed as the star of the show playing the Evil Queen's henchman Ramsbottom.

But it was Keith De' Winter who stole the show as the hilarious Dame Duddles.

The performance was based on the traditional tale but with a modern twist and included familiar songs by pop stars including Lady Gaga.

My two youngsters thoroughly enjoyed the timeless classic. They particularly enjoyed joining in the fun as they sang, danced, cheered and booed their way through a very entertaining show. A very enjoyable afternoon.

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10.00 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.20 FILM: Die Hard with a Vengeance. (1995) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis.

12.20 Film: AWOL: Absent Without Leave. (1990) Action adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Nobody Runs Forever. (1968) **1.40** Film: Duel in the Sun. (1946) Western, starring Gregory Peck. **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Further coverage of the opening day at the Lakeside Country Club. **5.35** Film: Jason and the Argonauts. (1963) Fantasy, starring Todd Armstrong.

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7.15 Flog It! Making money at an Oxford auction. (R)
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11.30 Darts: BDO World Championships.

12.20 Darts Extra. **2.20** Film: Devils of Darkness. (1965) Horror, with William Sylvester. **3.45** Close.

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6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News; Weather. **9.30** Film: The Perfect Man. (2005) Romantic comedy, with Hilary Duff and Heather Locklear. **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **12.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** Film: Catwoman. (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. **3.40** Film: Jurassic Park. (1993) Action adventure, starring Sam Neill.

6.00 Regional Programmes.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 New You've Been Framed! Featuring a dog with a light sabre.
7.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. More of the show's funniest moments.
7.30 Take Me Out. New series. Dating game, hosted by Paddy McGuinness.
8.30 The Talent Show Story. New series. Exploring the history of televised talent contests.

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9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. New series. With comedian John Bishop, physicist Brian Cox and singer Lana Del Rey.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 Celebrity Juice. With guests Ant and Dec and Professor Green.
11.30 FA Cup Football Highlights.

1.00 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Grid. (R) **7.25** GT Academy. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Hollyoaks Best Bits 2011. **10.00** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.10** Film: T4: California Man. (1992) Teen comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.05 Channel 4 News.
6.35 4thought.tv.
6.40 FILM: Big Momma's House 2. (2006) Comedy sequel, starring Martin Lawrence, Nia Long and Emily Procter.

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8.30 The Bank Job. Final of the game show, presented by George Lamb. Last in the series.
10.00 FILM: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story. (2004) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller.
11.50 FILM: LA Confidential. (1997) Thriller, starring Russell Crowe.

2.15 A Ninja Is for Life, Not Just for Christmas. (R) **2.25** Emily's Song. (R) **2.40** St Elsewhere. (R) **3.25** Britain BC. (R) **4.25** Hugh's Fish Fight: The Battle Continues. (R) **5.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.30** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.30** Film: The Slipper and the Rose. (1976) Musical version of Cinderella, with Gemma Craven. **3.10** Film: From Here to Eternity. (1953) Second World War drama, starring Burt Lancaster. **5.30** Film: While You Were Sleeping. (1995) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman.

7.30 5 News Weekend.
7.35 NCIS. Gibbs discovers a link between the murder of a petty officer and the break-up of his team, leading him and new director Leon Vance to unravel the mystery. (R)
8.30 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the new housemates' first full day at the mercy of Big Brother, revealing who is playing up for the benefit of the cameras and who is taking a more laid-back approach.
9.45 FILM: Philadelphia. (1993) A gay lawyer with Aids turns to a former courtroom rival to prove his ex-employers have discriminated against him. Drama, starring an Oscar-winning Tom Hanks, with Denzel Washington and Antonio Banderas.

12.05 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Great Artists. Peter Paul Rubens. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. Two notable Victorian architects. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.00 Westlife: For the Last Time **4.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.30** The Cube **5.30** All Star Family Fortunes **6.30** Film: About a Boy (2002) **8.30** Take Me Out – The Gossip **9.15** Film: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) **11.20** Film: Ocean's Twelve (2004)

ITV3
2.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.05** Film: Sophie's Choice (1982)

ITV4
2.10 Film: Morning Departure (1950) **4.15** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder. Arthur and Ray take to the water. **9.00** Film: Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10** Film: Nighthawks (1981)

BBC THREE
7.00 Sherlock **8.30** Top Gear: India Special **10.05** Most Annoying People of 2011 **11.00** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Serengeti: Unnatural Histories **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Timeshift: The Smoking Years

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Desperate Scousewives **5.00** Scrubs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Cruel Intentions (1999) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.55** The Cleveland Show

FILM4
2.55 Batman (1966) **5.00** Hocus Pocus (1993) **6.50** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **9.00** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009) The shape-changing robots fight for control of a planet-destroying machine hidden somewhere on Earth. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf. **11.45** Wolf Creek (2005)

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.05** EastEnders. **2.00** Bargain Hunt. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **4.30** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Celebrity Mastermind.

6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker unveils a new land art installation on the Wolds Way in East Yorkshire, while Ellie Harrison visits David Hockney at his home and John Craven talks to David Cameron.
7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts examine valuables and rarities at Hartland Abbey in Devon, including the notebooks of a plane-spotter who may have witnessed Glenn Miller's last flight.
8.30 Sherlock. Holmes and Watson head to the countryside to investigate the peculiar case of a monstrous hound stalking the wilds of Dartmoor.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 The One Lenny Henry. The comedian presents a mixture of stand-up and sketches. (R)
11.05 FILM: Grumpy Old Men. (1993) Comedy, starring Jack Lemmon.

12.45 The Sky at Night. **1.05** Weatherview. **1.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.10** Holby City. (R) **3.10** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: One of Our Dinosaurs Is Missing. (1975) **1.00** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. **4.45** Ski Sunday. **5.30** Flog It!

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6.00 How to Build a Nuclear Submarine. Documentary exploring three British engineering companies, beginning with the construction of HMS Astute, the Royal Navy's biggest attack submarine, at a cost exceeding £1billion. (R)
7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tests the Renaultsport Twingo 133 in Belfast, Richard Hammond tries his hand at airport vehicle racing, and Guy Ritchie is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
8.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls explores the extraordinary underwater ecosystem.
9.00 To Boldly Go – Down. Part one of two. How mankind survives underwater.
10.00 FILM: Adventureland. (2009) Premiere. Teen comedy, starring Jesse Eisenberg.
11.40 Darts: BDO World Championships. Highlights from the second day at the Lakeside Country Club.

12.30 Darts Extra. **2.30** BBC News.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News; Weather. **9.30** FA Cup Football Highlights. (R) **11.00** Dancing on Ice Live Tour 2011. (R) **12.00** ITV News; Weather. **12.05** You've Been Framed! (R) **12.30** Live FA Cup Football. Manchester City v Manchester United (Kick-off 1.00pm) and Peterborough United v Sunderland (Kick-off 3.30pm).

6.00 Regional Programmes.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 Dancing on Ice. New series. The competition returns with a new-look judging panel.
8.30 Wild at Heart. New series. A confrontation with Peeters pushes Danny to breaking point.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two least popular celebrities have to skate again.
10.00 That Sunday Night Show.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from four matches in the third round of the competition.
11.45 Premiership Rugby Union.

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12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Ladette to Lady: Australia. Eight brash Australians visit Teesdale's Eggleston Hall to learn about etiquette, but reports of unruly antics on the flight give the tutors a taste of what lies ahead. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.55** Freesports on 4. **7.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.45** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.40** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **12.50** Film: T4: Ever After: A Cinderella Story. (1998) Romantic drama, starring Drew Barrymore and Dougray Scott. **3.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.40** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **4.15** Deal or No Deal. **5.15** Channel 4 News. **5.45** 4thought.tv. **5.50** Film: The Devil Wears Prada. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep.

8.00 The Hotel. Mark decides to entertain his guests with a party night.

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9.00 FILM: (500) Days of Summer. (2009) Premiere. A man looks back on his brief relationship with the woman he loves, remembering events in a random order. Romantic comedy, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt.
10.50 FILM: Employee of the Month. (2006) Comedy, starring Dane Cook and Dax Shepard.

12.50 Comic's Choice: Jessica Hynes. (R) **1.45** Reasons to Be Cheerful: Hallo Friend. (R) **2.00** The Pawn King. (R) **2.30** Secret History: Sex and the Swastika. (R) **3.25** Monte Cassino: The Soldiers' Story. (R) **4.25** This Is Me. (R) **4.30** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.30** Mio Mao. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Angelina Ballerina. **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.55** Film: Return to Oz. (1985) **3.00** Film: Candleshoe. (1977) **5.00** 5 News Weekend. **5.05** Film: Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984) Drama, starring Christopher Lambert.

7.40 FILM: SWAT. (2003) A disgraced cop redeems himself by joining an elite unit charged with guarding a notorious prisoner. Action thriller, with Samuel L Jackson.
10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. All the action from the star-studded compound.
11.00 FILM: Reservoir Dogs. (1992) Thriller, starring Harvey Keitel.

1.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.15** Great Scientists. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.00 I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever **4.00** I'm a Celebrity: Jungle Gold **5.00** You've Been Framed: Top 100 Animals **6.00** Film: Casper (1995) **8.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **10.00** Film: The Bodyguard (1992)

ITV3
3.50 Foyle's War **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. A student Shakespeare production ends in murder. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
2.40 Film: Dunkirk (1958) **5.25** Film: The Dam Busters (1954) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Keeper (2009) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **11.00** Film: Play Misty for Me (1971)

BBC THREE
7.00 Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008) **9.15** Live at the Apollo **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.35** Film: Donnie Darko (2001)

BBC FOUR
7.00 A Little Later **7.15** The Story of Musicals **8.15** Film: Kiss Me Kate (1953) **10.00** Sings the Great American Songbook **11.00** The Story of Musicals

E4
3.40 Being Erica **4.35** Samantha Who? **5.05** Film: Alaska (1996) **7.10** 90210 **8.05** Film: Mean Girls (2004) **10.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Rhod Gilbert & the Cat That Looked Like Nicholas Lyndhurst

FILM4
3.15 Avalanche Express (1979) **5.00** King Solomon's Mines (1950) **7.05** Turner & Hooch (1989) A cop investigating a murder has only one witness to help him solve the case - the victim's dog. Family comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **9.00** Along Came a Spider (2001) A police psychologist goes in search of a senator's daughter who has been kidnapped by a psychotic teacher. Thriller prequel, with Morgan Freeman. **11.05** The 51st State (2001)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **10.58** BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Saints and Scroungers. **11.45** Britain's Empty Homes. **12.13** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** The One Jasper Carrott. **9.00** The Royal Bodyguard. **9.30** Mrs Brown's Boys. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. **11.20** Would I Lie to You? (R) **11.50** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.35** Weatherview. **12.40** Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **1.40** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.25** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **2.55** Natural World: Animal House. (R) **3.55** You've Been Scammed. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** Darts: BDO World Championships. **3.00** Real Rescues. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. **7.00** Baking Made Easy. (R) **7.30** A Question of Taste. **8.00** University Challenge. **8.30** An Island Parish. **9.00** The Hunt for the Higgs: A Horizon Special. **10.00** Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Darts: BDO World Championships. **12.10** American Football: Play-off Highlights. **1.10** Darts Extra. **3.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **2.59** Regional Weather. **3.00** Lewis. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Above Suspicion: Silent Scream. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** FA Cup Football Highlights. **11.05** That Sunday Night Show. (R) **11.35** Law & Order: UK. (R) **12.30** River Monsters. (R) **12.55** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **7.55** According to Jim. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Undercover Boss Australia. **10.25** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Celebrity Five Go To. **1.05** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie Peacock "Speed." (R) **1.10** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.30** Film: The Badlanders. (1958) Western, starring Ernest Borgnine and Alan Ladd. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** The Fat Fighters. **9.00** Rogue Baboon: An Inside Nature's Giants Special. **10.00** Shameless. **11.15** Desperate Housewives. **12.15** Random Acts. **12.20** Poker. **1.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **1.40** Beach Volleyball. **2.35** The Grid. **3.00** GT Academy. (R) **3.30** Freesports on 4. (R) **3.55** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Kickboxing. (R) **4.05** Scrapheap Challenge. (R) **5.00** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Ma Bar. (R) **5.10** Ultra Running. (R) **5.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **1.15** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: The Hollywood Mom's Mystery. (2004) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** World's Toughest Trucker; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News Update. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother. **10.00** When Paddy Met Sally. **11.00** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. **12.00** Celebrity Big Brother: Jamie Meets the Celebs. **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.15** Grey's Anatomy. **5.00** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **10.58** BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Saints and Scroungers. **11.45** Britain's Empty Homes. **12.13** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. Topical stories, hosted by Alex Jones and Matt Baker. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Burglar in the House. **11.25** The League Cup Show. **11.55** Film: Human Traffic. (1999) British comedy drama, starring John Simm. **1.30** Weatherview. **1.35** Sign Zone: Frozen Planet. (R) **2.35** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **3.35** You've Been Scammed. (R) **4.20** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** Darts: BDO World Championships. **3.00** Real Rescues. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. **7.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. The produce of seas and rivers. (R) **8.00** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. **9.00** The Mystery of Edwin Drood. **10.00** Have I Got Old News for You. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Darts: BDO World Championships. **12.10** Darts Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **2.59** Regional Weather. **3.00** Lewis. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** River Monsters. **8.00** The Exit List. **9.00** The Biggest Loser. The teams face their second challenge. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: The Grudge. (2004) Horror remake, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. **12.20** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.50** Crossing Jordan. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **7.55** According to Jim. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Undercover Boss Australia. **10.25** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Celebrity Five Go To. **1.05** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie Peacock "Speed." (R) **1.10** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.30** Film: The Grudge. (2004) Horror remake, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. **12.20** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.50** Crossing Jordan. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **1.15** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Meals in Moments. (R) **3.25** Film: Claire. (2007) Mystery, starring Valerie Bertinelli. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Celebrity Wedding Planner; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** New Cowboy Builders; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Body of Proof. **10.00** Celebrity Big Brother. **11.00** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. **12.00** When Paddy Met Sally. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **10.58** BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Saints and Scroungers. **11.45** Britain's Empty Homes. **12.13** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Live League Cup Football. Manchester City v Liverpool (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Freddie Flintoff: Hidden Side of Sport; National Lottery Update. **11.35** Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. **12.15** Film: Their Eyes Were Watching God. (2005) Period drama, starring Halle Berry. **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** Sign Zone: Country Tracks. (R) **3.05** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Darts: BDO World Championships. **3.00** Real Rescues. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. **7.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **8.00** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. **9.00** The Mystery of Edwin Drood. **10.00** Mock the Week – Again. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Darts: BDO World Championships. **12.10** Darts Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **2.59** Regional Weather. **3.00** Lewis. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Unforgettable Leslie Crowther. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Payback. (1999) Thriller, starring Mel Gibson. **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Film: Outland. (1981) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sean Connery. **4.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **7.55** According to Jim. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Undercover Boss Australia. **10.25** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Celebrity Five Go To. **1.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.10** Film: Merrill's Marauders. (1962) Fact-based Second World War adventure, starring Jeff Chandler. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** How to Cook Like Heston. **8.30** The Fabulous Baker Brothers. **9.00** One Born Every Minute. **10.00** How to be a Good Mother with Sharon Horgan. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** London's Burning. (R) **12.15** Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. **12.50** Music on 4: The Maccabees: 360 Sessions. **1.15** Coming Up: Micah. (R) **1.40** Film: Breakfast on Pluto. (2005) **3.50** The Great British Property Scandal. (R) **4.45** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **1.15** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: McBride: Dogged. (2007) Mystery, starring John Larroquette. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cowboy Builders; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Benidorm ER; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. **10.00** Kym Marsh: Teen Mums and Me. **11.00** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. **12.00** Poker: The Big Game. **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **10.58** BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Saints and Scroungers. **11.45** Britain's Empty Homes. **12.13** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. Topical stories, hosted by Alex Jones and Matt Baker. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Earthflight. A bird's-eye view of Europe. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week; Weather. **12.25** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Britain's Hidden Heritage. (R) **2.25** James May's Man Lab. (R) **3.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** Darts: BDO World Championships. **3.00** Real Rescues. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. **7.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. The duo explore the history of puddings and pies. (R) **8.00** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. Anita Rani, Pearl Lowe, Alex Deakin and Alex Langlands compete. **9.00** Unfinished. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Darts: BDO World Championships. **12.10** Darts Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **2.59** Regional Weather. **3.00** Lewis. (R) **5.00** The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. Debbie meets Andy at a hotel and tries to seduce him. **7.30** Payback Time: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Eternal Law. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Jonathan Ross Show. (R) **11.35** Take Me Out. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Payback Time: Tonight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **7.55** According to Jim. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Undercover Boss Australia. **10.25** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Celebrity Five Go To. **1.05** Channel 4 Presents – Stephen Miller 2012. (R) **1.10** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.20** Film: Went the Day Well? (1942) Second World War drama, starring Leslie Banks. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Location, Location, Location. **9.00** The Restoration Man. **10.00** My Daughter the Teenage Nudist. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Coppers. (R) **12.15** Music on 4: Curated by Lyle and Scott. **12.30** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **1.25** Undressing My Mother. (R) **1.30** Britain's Greatest Codebreaker. (R) **2.40** The Great British Property Scandal. (R) **3.35** Whatever Turns You On. (R) **3.40** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.30** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.25** Countdown. **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **1.15** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: Surrender, Dorothy. (2006) Drama, starring Diane Keaton. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Scariest Plane Landings; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother. **10.00** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. **11.00** It's All About Amy. **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Friday

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** Darts: BDO World Championships. **3.00** Real Rescues. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. **7.00** Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls explores the extraordinary underwater ecosystem. (R) **8.00** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. **9.00** Sicily Unpacked. **10.00** QI. (R) **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** Weather. **11.05** Darts: BDO World Championships. **11.55** Darts Extra. **1.55** BBC News. **4.25** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **2.59** Regional Weather. **3.00** Lewis. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Safari Vet School. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Law & Order; UK. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: True Crime. (1999) Crime thriller, starring Clint Eastwood. **12.55** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.55** Film: New York Minute. (2004) Family comedy, starring Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. **4.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

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Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **1.15** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: The Last Chance. (2003) Drama, starring Jennie Garth. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** World's Scariest Plane Landings; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Toughest Trucker; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. Brian Dowling chats to another evicted housemate. **10.00** Celebrity Wedding Planner. **11.00** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Motorsport Mundial. **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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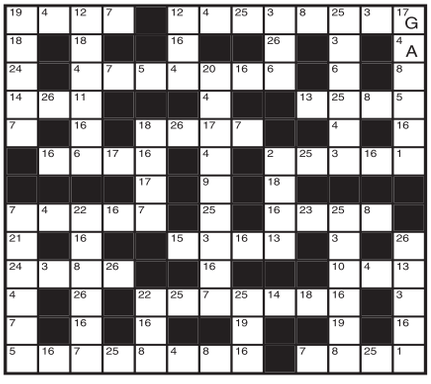

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 A	2 Y	3 X	4 M	5 J	6 N	7 D	8 R	9 Q	10 B	11 V	12 L	13 P
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. No fixed abode (5,7)
7. Turn away a sick man who came back (5)
8. It's not long young! (5)
9. Where they deal with complaints? (3)
10. One having a sea-view, perhaps? (3-6)
11. Nothing further on Rome, strangely enough (2,4)
12. Watch someone chasing animals? (6)
15. Organised in pompous fashion (9)
17. It helps to make a room attractive (3)
18. Grieve for a doctor with a pot! (5)
19. She inspired the lyrics in the opera Tosca (5)
21. By whom hotel guests may be taken in (12)

Down

1. A party diversion that gives rise to conjectures (8,4)
2. Bark from many a poplar (3)
3. Blind ones won't be able to lead you anywhere (6)
4. Quality, but rate it differently (9)
5. Keep away from a hole, perhaps (5)
6. What an expert in depreciation makes? (3,5,2,2)
7. Kingdom that's genuine to many (5)
10. Steps on the granary floor (4,5)
13. Time for music (5)
14. Conceal half of it as secret (6)
16. An inspiration to entertain (5)
20. Past a green light? (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. December 24th (9,3)
7. Guide (5)
8. Manmade fibre (5)
9. Regret (3)
10. Get rid of (9)
11. Extent (6)
12. Of public revenue (6)
15. Deliberately (2,7)
17. Entreat (3)
18. Additional (5)
19. Muscle (5)
21. Alter direction (6,6)

Down

1. Airfield command post (7,5)
2. Observe (3)
3. Edge (6)
4. Responsive (9)
5. Large detached house (5)
6. Understandable (12)
7. Severe (5)
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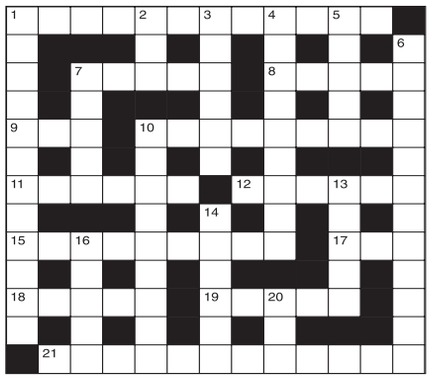
14. Two-fold (6)
16. Toss (5)
20. Fuss (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Embrace; 8 Points; 9 Alimony; 10 Nassau; 11 Sermon; 12 Contacts; 18 Rescript; 20 Reward; 21 Cutter; 22 Napping; 23 Charge; 24 Seattle. Down: 1 Spinach; 2 Missing; 3 Strata; 5 Molasses; 6 Remark; 7 Cannot; 13 Cardinal; 14 Sitters; 15 Starter; 16 Debase; 17 Carpet; 19 Caught. QUICK - Across: 4 Rivalry; 8 Reacts; 9 Sparing; 10 Change; 11 Defile; 12 Probable; 18 Retrieve; 20 Aplomb; 21 Blithe; 22 Restore; 23 Height; 24 Retract. Down: 1 Precept; 2 Paragon; 3 Stigma; 5 Impudent; 6 Adrift; 7 Rankle; 13 Barbaric; 14 Vertigo; 15 Beneath; 16 Apiece; 17 Porter; 19 Relief.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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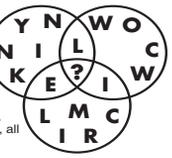
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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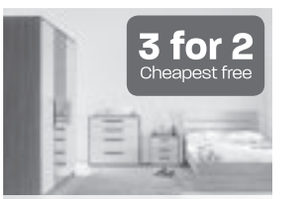

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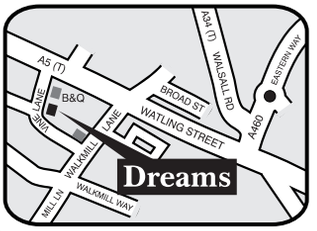

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The guest cloaks/shower room has fully tiled walls, ceramic tiled floor, wash hand basin set in vanity unit, WC and corner shower cubicle with mains feed shower.

The lounge/diner is 25ft 11in by 13ft 3in and has a feature beamed ceiling, brick built fireplace with oak beam mantle and matching side plinth, living flame gas fire and sliding patio doors to the conservatory – 14ft 6in by 11ft 9in – which has French doors to the rear garden.

The kitchen, 13ft 1in by 10ft 3in, has a range of wall, base and display units with roll edge work surfaces over, stainless steel gas hob, stainless steel gas oven and door to the study/bedroom four measuring 16ft 4in by 9ft 1in, which has doors to the rear garden.

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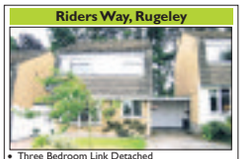

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- Kitchen
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- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
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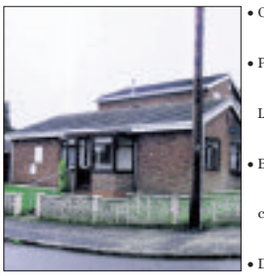

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- Porch, Hallway, Dining Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom, 2 Bedrooms, Gas central heating
- Double glazing, Garden, Garage

£550 pcm Sorry No DSS

HEDNESFORD
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- Hallway. Lounge. Fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms. Bathroom. Double glazing
- Heating. Garage and garden

£500 pcm Sorry No DSS

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- Hall, lounge, fitted kitchen
- Sun room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Garage and garden

£650 pcm Sorry No DSS

BURNTWOOD
BELVEDERE CLOSE

- Unfurnished detached property
- Hallway, Lounge, Fitted kitchen
- Study, Guest wc, Utility, Shower room
- 4 Bedrooms, Gas central heating
- Double Glazing, Garage, Garden

£695 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
MOSS STREET

- Unfurnished semi-detached
- Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Utility
- Fitted kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas central heating, Double glazing
- Garden, parking

£560 pcm Sorry No DSS

NORTON CANES
WOODFIELD DRIVE

- Unfurnished Bungalow
- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen with appliances
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Parking, Garden

£650 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
ST JOHNS ROAD

- Unfurnished
- Semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Hall, kitchen
- Lounge
- Double Glazig
- Parking
- Bathroom

£515 pcm Sorry No DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
HUTHILL LANE

- Unfurnished semi detached bungalow
- May suit mature couple
- Porch, lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Garage, garden

£525 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
LONGFORD ROAD

- Refurbished 1st Floor Flat
- Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£450 pcm Sorry No DSS

WIMBLEBURY
NELSON DRIVE

- Unfurnished first floor flat
- Hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances
- 1 Bedroom, bathroom
- Heating, Parking

£340 pcm Sorry No DSS

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

- Unfurnished 1st floor flat
- Lounge. Fitted kitchen, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Double glazing. Gas central heating
- Parking

£405 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
CHASE HOUSE, RUMER HILL

- Unfurnished ground floor flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Parking

£395 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
STAFFORD ROAD

- Unfurnished semi-detached property
- Porch. Hall. Lounge. Dining Room
- New fitted kitchen with some appliances
- 3 Bedrooms. Bathroom. Gas central heating
- Double glazing. Garage and Garden

£575 pcm Sorry No DSS

HEDNESFORD
PAGET MEWS

- Unfurnished semi-detached property
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Heating
- Double Glazed, Parking

£525 pcm Sorry No DSS

NORTON CANES
NORTON TERRACE

- Unfurnished modern town house
- Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom, Gas Central Heating
- Parking

£425 pcm Sorry No DSS

CHESLYN HAY
STREETS LANE

- Unfurnished detached bungalow
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£525 pcm Sorry No DSS

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36 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

SEMI DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED HOUSE
Occupying Corner Plot Gardens In Popular Residential Area Of This South After South Staffordshire Village

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Side entrance lobby
- Cloakroom with wc
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Detached garage
- Corner plot gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- No chain

£135,000 FREEHOLD

30 HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popular Position Conveniently Situated For Facilities

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- L-shaped lounge/kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking Space
- Communal grounds
- Fully double glazed
- Economy 7electric heating
- Security phone system
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended

£115,000

162 BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located Within Reach Of Local Facilities

- Sitting room
- Lobby
- Cellar
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Neat gardens
- Off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Internal inspection highly recommended

£116,500 FREEHOLD

PENDLE HOUSE, 13 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS AND FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS
Located In Cannocks Prime Residential Area Of Short Hill Close To Cannock Chase An Area Noted For Its Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Canopy porch and enclosed porch
- Central reception hall
- Cloakroom with wc
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Sitting room
- Study
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted utility room
- Central galleried landing
- Four double bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked gardens
- All windows DG
- Gas CH
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended

£479,950 FREEHOLD

22 CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Offering Flexible Accommodation With South Facing Rear Garden Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Canopy porch
- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with wc
- Lounge
- Study/bedroom four
- Conservatory
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Inspection highly recommended

£184,950 FREEHOLD

45 PRIORY ROAD, HEDNESFORD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Position

- Recessed porch
- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Raised dining area
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Inner hall
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted bathroom
- Attic room
- Detached garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended

£149,950 FREEHOLD

'CRAMOND', WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED DETACHED BUNGALOW OFFERING FLEXIBLE THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION WHICH COULD DOUBLE AS AN ANNEX FOR EXTENDED FAMILY
Located In Popular Residential Area Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Rear hall
- Utility room
- Cloakroom with wc
- Sitting room/sun lounge/bedroom four
- Three fitted double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- No chain
- Inspection highly recommended

£250,000 FREEHOLD

34 CANTERBURY WAY, HEATH HAYES

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Conveniently Located For Wide Range Of Local Facilities

- Canopy porch
- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with wc
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Breakfast area
- Utility room
- Landing
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended

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Plot 21	The Richmond	4 Bedrooms	£225,000	FREEHOLD	Available
Plot 22	The Richmond	4 Bedrooms	£225,000	FREEHOLD	Available

13 SCHOOL LANE, SHARESHILL

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Neat gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended

£180,000 FREEHOLD

6 THORNHILL ROAD, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Close To Cannock Chase

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- No chain

£151,950 FREEHOLD

14 HOLDER DRIVE, CANNOCK, WS11 1TL

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In A Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase

- Canopy porch
- Vestibule
- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with wc
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Study
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Landing
- Five bedrooms
- Two en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed

£395,000 FREEHOLD

26 THE MEADOWS, WEDGES MILLS

MOST SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED FORMER SHOWHOME DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FIVE BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS
Occupying Well Stocked Corner Plot In Much Sought After Cul-de-sac Development In This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Study
- Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Cloakroom with wc
- First floor landing
- Four first floor bedrooms
- Jack & Jill en-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Master bedroom second floor
- Walk-in dressing area second floor
- En-suite shower room second floor
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Intruder alarm
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Inspection highly recommended to fully appreciate this quality family residence

£385,000 FREEHOLD

53 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUAL DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Occupying Grounds Extending To Approx. 0.41 Of An Acre Or Thereabouts with the Benefit of Planning Permission for the Development of One Detached Residential Unit to the Rear

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Cloaks/shower room
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Landing
- Three double bedrooms
- Box room/study
- Family bathroom
- Garage
- Extensive mature gardens
- Out buildings
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Inspection highly recommended

£495,000 FREEHOLD

TO LET

1 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- Communal gardens and parking

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ENTRIES INVITED

27 WATERLILY CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY
WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Canopy porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Gardens
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Of interest to the first time buyer or as a buy to let

£117,500 FREEHOLD

33 WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK
ONE BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Communal grounds
- Allocated parking space
- Security phone system
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- No chain
- Of interest to the first time buyer or as a buy to let

£74,950

12 LAWNSWOOD CLOSE, HEATH HAYES
TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Landscaped gardens
- Off road parking
- Ideal for first time buyers or as a buy to let

£117,950

67 RUGELEY ROAD, HAZEL SLADE
CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located On The Edge Of This Popular Chase Village With Views To Cannock Chase

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Cloakroom with wc
- Landing
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Inspection highly recommended

£219,950 FREEHOLD

286 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Originally Built In The Popular Interwar Period Located In A Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with wc
- Extended lounge
- Dining room
- Extended refitted breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Landing
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended to fully appreciate this considerably extended detached house

£339,950 FREEHOLD

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WELL EQUIPPED ONE AND TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENTS WITHIN GATED DEVELOPMENT CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR FACILITIES AT HEDNESFORD TOWN CENTRE

Apartment 2	Ground Floor	2 Bedrooms	£115,000
Apartment 11	First Floor	1 Bedroom	£99,950

47 LONGSTAFF AVENUE, PROSPECT VILLAGE, CANNOCK
INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED IMPROVED THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Offering Well Equipped Accommodation Which Includes Extensive Basement Storage/Play Room/Workshop/play room Located In A Popular Village Which Adjoins Cannock Chase Which Is Noted For Its Outstanding Beauty

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Side lobby
- Bedroom one
- En-suite wet room shower room
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Extensive basement store/workshop/play room
- Utility room
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage space
- In and out drive
- No chain
- Secure gated parking area
- Inspection highly recommended

£215,000 FREEHOLD

10 PRICE STREET, CANNOCK
IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED MID TERRACED HOUSE
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre And Train Station

- Canopy porch
- Lounge/dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Inspection highly recommended

£109,950 FREEHOLD

43 WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES
TWO BEDROOMED END TERRACED HOUSE

- Sitting room
- Lobby
- Living room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom with wc
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Gardens
- Possible parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Inspection recommended
- No chain

£87,500 FREEHOLD

NO CHAIN

VENDOR TO PROVIDE 5% DEPOSIT

APARTMENT 7, 49 PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN
WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- L-shaped lounge/kitchen area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Communal grounds
- Security phone system
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Inspection highly recommended
- No chain

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- Utility room
- Three en suites
- Five bedrooms all with fitted Hammonds wardrobes
- Family bathroom
- Double width detached garage
- Full gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intelligent lighting system
- Very high specification

Plot 3 Beaumont House
Five Beds £450,000 Freehold

100% VALUATION PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

5 KENSINGTON GARDENS, NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK
CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Which Is Part Of A Select Development Of Six Apartments Occupying Landscaped Mature Communal Grounds Located In Cannocks Prime Residential Area. Available Fully Furnished If Required.

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Open plan lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Utility room
- Excellent loft storage
- Garage
- Additional off road parking
- Well stocked communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Newly Fitted UPVC double glazing
- No chain
- Inspection highly recommended

£177,500

12 KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- CCTV system
- Inspection recommended

£159,950 FREEHOLD

328 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK
THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Sitting room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with wc
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- No chain

£114,950 FREEHOLD

16 LITTLEWOOD LANE, CHESLYN HAY
EXTENDED AND IMPROVED MID MEWS FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE
Located In Residential Area Of This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Landing
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Built-on double length garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Inspection recommended

£154,950 FREEHOLD

49 NEWBURY ROAD, NORTON CANES
WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Canopy porch
- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with wc
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Landing
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended

£206,950 FREEHOLD

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Training exercise – there are many ways a car can go into a skid and advice helps drivers manage the situation

Sound advice on coping with skid conditions

WHEN temperatures plummet across the country, making roads more treacherous, new research suggests that at least 13.7 million drivers are not aware of what to do if their car goes into dangerous a skid.

In the survey, 38 per cent of people admitted to not knowing, but without subjecting all drivers to practical tests, it's difficult to determine how many people think they know, but actually don't.

Not only that, but more than a quarter (27 per cent) would take action that would only make the situation worse, such as braking or steering more.

The research, conducted by Sainsbury's Car Insurance, suggests that around 264,000 accidents could be caused this year by icy roads.

That figure is in line with statistics showing 1.3 million accidents in icy conditions in the past five years. And the average repair bill? A cool £1,773 per car.

Precautions

Ben Tyte, head of car insurance at Sainsbury's Finance, says. "We're encouraging people to do two things: to take a bit of time to recognise that winter driving is different and to take some precautions, and to think about actually learning a bit about what to do if you get into a skid."

Grip levels fall sharply as temperatures drop towards freezing, because the rubber in normal summer tyres goes harder and provides less purchase on the road surface.

Add water, oil and the general greasy grime from traffic and friction is reduced even further.

In these circumstances it's much more likely that a car will lose grip, and safe driving could depend on drivers knowing what to do if it happens.

Different kinds of cars react in different ways when they lose grip.

Depending on whether a car is front or rear-wheel drive, its weight distribution and the way it's being driven, either the front or the rear wheels could slide in slippery conditions.

The most common slide involves understeer, where the car tries to go straight on rather than turning a corner. The car isn't steering as much as it should be, hence understeer.

Power

Then there's the one you always see in films and on the television.

It's called oversteer, and it's caused either by using too much power in a rear-wheel drive car, or lifting off the accelerator as you turn in to as slippery corner.

The back wheels move out sideways like a pendulum, and it's the more potentially dangerous of the two types.

Handing this sort of thing takes skill and it's all too easy to panic. However, with simple training from experts, many people can then safely control a wayward car.

Sainsbury's Car Insurance took 12 drivers to Skid Control at Goodwood Racing Circuit, where professional car control instructors such as Colin Tees can teach people, in a safe 'skid-pan' environment, what to do if a slide should happen.

"We're trying to invite people to learn skills which will improve their ability to control their vehicle," he said.

"We have a good system of driver training but we need to go just a little further.

"After a period of instruction, 91 per cent could then safely control both understeer and oversteer, which clearly shows the safety improvements that the system could represent if more people took advantage of it.

"We get a lot of people who have a lot of driving years under their belts, and they're always appreciative that we awaken things they probably knew but had forgotten," says Tees.

"But young drivers certainly would benefit from this type of training.

"We'd get them trained up and hope it sticks."

Top tips to beat the worst weather

- **If temperatures are low, reduce your normal driving speed and keep to major routes as much as possible – the volume of traffic keeps ice at bay.**
- *Brake earlier and more smoothly, and don't be rough with any of the controls.*
- **If you enter a skid, take your feet off all the pedals gently.**
- *If the front wheels have no grip, repeatedly use a 'see-saw' motion to straighten the wheels and then turn again, until you feel grip return.*
- **Never accelerate or brake if any of your wheels have lost grip. It will only make the problem worse.**
- *Be aware that stopping distances are much greater, so leave much moreroom around yourself to help avoid an accident.*
- **Winter tyres are worth considering, because they offer much more grip at low temperatures. You may need to contact your insurer if you do switch.**
- *Fully de-ice and demist your car before driving away, or your visibility could be reduced.*
- **Make sure all your lights are working and replace broken bulbs if necessary.**

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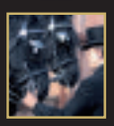

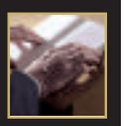

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Slimline tonic as funnyman guests at awards night

Liz Farrell, who runs Slimming World classes in Cannock and Rugeley, with comedian Jason Manford at the awards ceremony

THERE were smiles all round when a Cannock slimmer met famous comedian Jason Manford at an awards ceremony.

Liz Farrell, who manages Slimming World groups in Cannock and Rugeley, said she was thrilled to meet the TV funny man, who co-presented the evening in Birmingham alongside Slimming World founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell.

The Slimming World Awards honoured the organisation's most successful slimmers and Liz said meeting Jason was the perfect ending to the year.

The national organisation helps more than one million people every year to lose weight at its 8,000 weekly sessions.

"But there's still a lot of work to be done," Liz said.

"With some of the highest levels of obesity in Europe here in the UK, in 2012 we want to help even more people to slim down and improve their health starting this January.

"At this time of year lots of people will be making New Year's resolutions and pledging to lose weight and we'd love anyone who wants to make a change to come along and join us."

Mr Manford, whose television credits include 8 Out of 10 Cats, Show Me the Funny and Live at the Apollo, praised Liz and the other slimmers.

He said: "Presenting the Slimming World Awards was a real honour.

Lucky

"Throughout the day I met so many inspirational people, not only the slimmers collecting awards but also the amazing people like Liz who run and manage the groups and help them achieve so much.

"I know keeping weight in control is a challenge for a lot of us these days and I think the people of Cannock & Rugeley are very lucky to have people like Liz who are clearly dedicated to helping slimmers and to have such great support networks on their doorstep."

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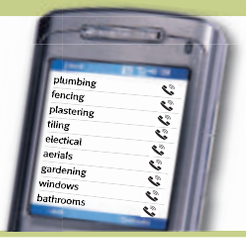

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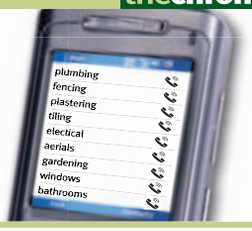

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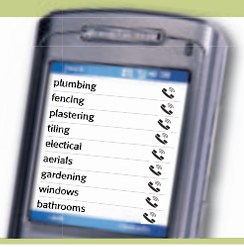

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Despair in the Wolves ranks as Frank Lampard pops up to score the late winner

Stephen Ward celebrates after grabbing the equalising goal for Wolves at Molineux

Sense of injustice gives Mick Blues

Wolves 1 Chelsea 2

by Martin Swain

CHELSEA, it must be conceded, were worthy winners.

But the manner of a defeat which turned the survival pressure dial another click to the right left the Wolves' camp boiling with frustration at the start of 2012.

Manager Mick McCarthy ignored all other debates to focus solely on the manner in which his team conceded Chelsea's last-minute winning goal, joyously volleyed home from point-blank range by Frank Lampard, and coming five minutes after Wolves had pulled level.

Molineux, however, preferred to fix its outrage on Lampard's presence on the pitch to make such a late, decisive intervention on Monday.

The England midfielder was probably the game's best player but conceded he was also the luckiest having escaped with a yellow card when he scythed down Adam Hammill to trigger some feisty first-half exchanges.

Edgy

Certainly based on the Milijas Scale of Punishment to which McCarthy referred so entertainingly in his pre-match press conference, Lampard should have been a goner – his studs were up and he was late, catching Hammill at the bottom of his shin. But he's Frank Lampard playing against Wolves and not a low-profile Serb playing against Arsenal.

Their sense of injustice fuelled, Molineux's public roared their disapproval and played a positive role in helping their team create their most threatening moments – albeit from set-pieces – against a Chelsea side perceived to be nervous and edgy amid the turmoil of an unconvincing change of coach and Roman Abramovich's itchy trigger-finger.

But when the fury had blown itself out, Chelsea had refused to buckle and appeared to be coasting to victory, a 54th-minute goal from Ramires greeted by a rather contrived and stage-managed celebration with the under-fire Andre Villas-Boas which would not have been out of place in one of the West End's hammy melodramas.

Wolves' Roger Johnson swings on the bar in frustration as the final whistle sounds

Chelsea forgot to add authority in the scoreline to match the superiority of their football, however, and all those old McCarthy virtues – tenacity, stubbornness, unquenchable spirit – somehow found an equaliser from Stephen Ward which should have been enough to add a satisfying point to the two taken in the previous trips to Arsenal and Bolton.

Instead, Wolves have been unable to recover the lost ground of their previous failings at home and a daunting stretch of fixtures approaches which will further challenge their nerve and resolve. Ignore, sadly, the comparative irrelevance of the FA Cup's third round. It's the league sequence which has got it all – derbies (against Villa and Albion), clashes against the elite (Spurs, Liverpool) as well as the return contest with QPR, who are sinking into similar peril.

McCarthy has fortified his ranks with a couple of signings already and surely more will follow but, judging by the speed at which he was thrust into the starting line-up, it is clear he has great belief in another 'borrow' from one of the big boys, Arsenal's Emmanuel Frimpong following a path previously trodden by Jamie O'Hara and Darron Gibson.

Frimpong's daunting opening fixture provided glimpses of the composure in possession which is the trademark of his parent club and is so desperately needed by a team which – especially in this sort of company – still finds it extremely hard work to control possession. There was doubtless much disappointment that the manager recognised this shortfall and opted to approach this challenge with a nod to Chelsea's superior qualities.

Steven Fletcher and Matt Jarvis, his team's most effective forwards and most over-worked, were held back on the bench as McCarthy injected his starting XI with the fresh energy required to hustle and hassle Chelsea out of their stride.

That his strategy was sabotaged by the late collapse of his right flank which enabled Fernando Torres – and if this is Torres in a rut, Lord help defenders when he is in form – to release Ashley Cole for the cross Lampard met with such decisive conviction.

For once Richard Stearman had been unable to prevent the breach having opened the game with two decisive interceptions, the second a wonderful covering tackle on Lampard as he was about to score.

Rattled

But Wolves responded to the hostility Molineux aimed at referee Peter Walton for his subsequent 'let off' for the England player and might have easily taken the lead themselves, first with a Roger Johnson header which rattled the bottom of the post and then a Ward header which the full-back glanced wide.

But Ramires' goal was well-taken and a punishing blow to the home cause, a Juan Mata corner landing at his feet before he had the presence of mind to elude Ward and pop a rising, diagonal finish into Wayne Hennessey's top right-hand corner.

Wolves' efforts to retrieve the game , even with Jarvis and Fletcher introduced, were laboured until more set-piece pressure finished with Hammill clipping a delightful cross to the back post where Fletcher caught Jose Bosingwa off guard to set up Ward for a left-foot finish.

It should have been enough to cap a decent festive programme with a decent festive point.

That it ended in such despair for the home side spoke volumes for the battle now confronting McCarthy's team.

Heading into new year with valuable point

Bolton 1 Wolves 1

OUT with the old, in with the new. The phrase used to usher in the new year could well be applied to Wolves as they signed off 2011.

In this game, a truly awful first-half showing was replaced by a much brighter, more incisive performance after the break which saw Wolves on top. At half-time on New Year's Eve matters must have weighed heavily on Wolves fans' minds because their team was hopeless. Boss Mick McCarthy said it was the worst they have played.

McCarthy had started George Elokobi at left-back for only the third time in the league this season and moved Stephen Ward into central midfield.

'Middle men' Dave Edwards and Adlene Guedioura were on the bench, the former not expected to last 90 minutes after a recent groin injury and illness.

With Ward, McCarthy knows what he's going to get, and it would be harsh to blame those two changes alone for the collective no-show from the team for the first half. Thankfully, Bolton's confidence and conviction were as brittle as the visitors' performance, and there was always the feeling that McCarthy's side could find their way back into the game.

Purpose

Steven Fletcher's diving header to cancel out Sam Ricketts' superb curling opener came just four minutes after the restart and gave them plenty of time for the revival to get into full swing.

The introduction of Edwards brought a much-needed positive feel to Wolves' midfield, and his running and willingness to burst forward gave them fresh purpose.

And this was underpinned by a real captain's performance by Roger Johnson.

Keeper Wayne Hennessey was unable to get near Wales team-mate Ricketts' 22nd-minute curler on the left-back's return from 10 months out but twice kept Wolves in the game, first to deny Gretar Steinsson's header and then his crowning moment, a superb, full-stretch one-handed reflex stop to foil an awkward, deflected shot from Fabrice Muamba that bounced off the greasy surface.

Wolves were the dominant force after the break and ended the game with more clear-cut chances, to leave them slightly more aggrieved at having to settle for a point

Hennessey leads case for defence

Arsenal 1 Wolves 1

THAT'S more like it. This was not just Wolves' finest defensive display of 2011-12, it was arguably their best ever defensive performance under Mick McCarthy.

All season long, his side have been held back by their own mistakes.

But at the Emirates Stadium, where Arsenal had dropped just five points all season, they ended their miserable run of six straight losses on the road and avoid defeat to the Gunners for the first time in 13 meetings going back to 1982.

This point on December 27 was made possible by a superb goalkeeper, Wayne Hennessey, and his defence.

On his 150th Wolves appearance, the Wales international produced save after save to repel the home side in a man of the match display, including four alone from Robin van Persie.

It was never easy for Wolves and their task was made harder in having to survive with 10 men for the last 15 minutes plus time added on following a poor decision from referee Stuart Attwell to send off Nenad Milijas for his tackle on Mikel Arteta.

Wolves enjoyed a slice of good fortune after Attwell missed a handball when Laurent Koscielny's cross hit Christophe Berra just before the hour.

The first half had ended all-square after Steven Fletcher got his head to Stephen Hunt's blocked shot seven minutes before the break to cancel out Gervinho's eighth-minute opener.

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No home comforts as Hayes defeated

HEATH HAYES go to Kirby Muxloe on Saturday looking to bounce back from Monday's 3-1 home Midland Alliance defeat to Tividale.

Hayes took a third-minute lead but failed to capitalise on their advantage and in the end Tividale ran out worthy winners.

A fine break down the right by Ben Haseley set up Dave Waple to sweep the ball home. Haseley then had a couple of chances himself but each time was thwarted by good blocks from visiting keeper Tim Beech.

Chris Geldart and Tom Baggott both went close while at the other end Chris Russell and Matt Jukes both went close.

Tividale had the better of the closing stages of the first half and Jukes took advantage of some poor defending to equalise.

On 50 minutes the visitors took the lead when the livewire Russell bundled the ball home despite a valiant effort from Adam Jenkins to deny him.

Again poor defending cost the home side when a mix-up between Jenkins and Baggot was punished with a clinical finish from Adam Hill.

The visitors then looked to be coasting to a comfortable victory but Beech had to make two excellent saves to keep out efforts from Geldart and substitute Andy McMath late on.

Enda ready to challenge

ENDA STEVENS has vowed to challenge and learn from first-choice Villa left-back Stephen Warnock after his transfer from Shamrock Rovers was rubber-stamped.

The Ireland Under-21 international has signed a three-and-a-half-year contact and had already spent a fortnight training with his Villa team-mates following the end of Shamrock's Europa League campaign.

The Dublin-born youngster realises it will not be easy to dislodge Warnock who has played every single minute in the Premier League for Villa this season.

"Stephen is a quality player, he's proved himself and it's up to me now to just hit the ground running and try to prove myself," he said.

"It's an exciting challenge. I've worked hard to get here, but I've got to keep working hard to prove myself."

Scholars suffer as Olympic pinch the points

By Steve Box

CHASETOWN began 2012 with a 2-0 home defeat as local rivals Rushall completed an Evo-Stik Northern Premier Division double.

The game began quietly but the quality of play racked up a notch in the second half and the Pics grabbed both goals in a four-minute spell.

Chances were few and far between in the first half, Dave Bridgewater's 29th-minute free-kick was punched away by visiting keeper Chris Gemmell under pressure, while Rushall were struggling to break down a robust Scholars defence.

Skipper Richard Teesdale recovered quickly from a knock on 33 minutes to continue.

The tempo upped considerably right from the restart for the second half, Danny Smith heading a Mark Branch corner inches wide on 46 minutes.

But it was the Pics who took the lead on 55 minutes when Mark Briggs's corner was fired home past Ryan Price by Alex Forde.

Price was called into action again two minutes later to tip away a shot from Ahmed Obeng but things went from bad to worse for the Scholars on 58 minutes. A cross from the right was intercepted by Jimmy Turner but he slid the ball into his own net to double Rushall's lead.

Chasetown showed signs of a fightback with Smith's 74th-minute scissor kick just failing to hit the target, while Smith and Dean Perrow combined nicely down the right but Perrow's final low shot was tamely struck.

Skipper Lucan Spittle then blocked a shot from Lee Wright as Chasetown began to push harder, Turner crossing to Smith on 84 minutes and the latter's snap-shot forced a super save from Gemmell. The Scholars continued to press, Farmer's high cross met by Gary Birch whose header went over the bar, but no further opportunities were forthcoming and the visitors took the spoils.

Chasetown now prepare for the long trip to North Yorkshire as they visit Whitby Town on Saturday (3pm).

Chasetown: Price, Farmer, M. Branch (Wright 66), Slater, Turner, Teesdale, Hands (Birch 61), Stride (Westwood 75), Smith, Perrow, Bridgewater. **Subs not used:** Edwards, Downes.

Rushall: Gemmell, Spittle, Skedgel, Tolley, Platt, Haynes, Dacres, Forde, Lewis (Adaggio 85), Obeng (Melbourne 90), Briggs. **Subs not used:** Gomes, Blythe, Keenan. **Attendance:** 476.

SMITH PLEDGING TO FIGHT FA BAN

HEDNESFORD manager Rob Smith will be in the home dugout for Saturday's match with Bradford Park Avenue as he awaits an FA ban for his sending off at Stafford Rangers.

Smith and Rangers assistant boss Dorian Garner were both sent to the stands in Monday's 1-0 win for the Pitmen, after an altercation in the visitors' technical area. But neither will receive their bans before Saturday and, when the FA do make their decision, there will be a period without punishment where they can appeal.

Smith said: "He tried to shake my hand to apologise after but he's landed us both in trouble when he didn't really need to. I didn't feel I had done anything wrong but the referee has reported it as a verbal altercation, with some pushing and shoving.

"I am going to stand my ground, it was my dugout and he came into it, I thought he went a bit overboard."

By Craig Birch

The Pitmen go into Saturday's game at Keys Park just two points from the top of the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League, but Smith has written off their title chances.

A tough January brings Hednesford up against the likes of Marine, FC United of Manchester and Northwich for the first time this season.

Smith's men also face table-toppers Chester during that period and the manager believes he is being realistic.

He said: "Our aim has always been the play-offs, that's always been our aim and, if we can achieve that, it would be fantastic for the club.

"I never have thought we could win the title, because it's impossible to compete with teams like Northwich and Chester.

"That's not playing it down, it's the truth. How can you compete with teams that get 3,500 fans every week? You just can't.

"I am not saying we will throw the towel in, we will keep going, but I don't think any of us are unrealistic enough to believe we can win it."

Marvin Robinson again proved the match-winner for Hednesford as they completed an Evo-Stik Northern Premier double over Rangers.

Robinson was left unmarked at the far post and scored after Pedro Monteiro helped on Ben Bailey's throw in the 37th minute.

The same player notched a spectacular winner in August in a Keys Park thriller which ended 5-4 – but this game was not quite so exciting. A bumpy pitch and cagey defences made sure goals were at a premium.

A competitive game saw eight players booked and Stafford assistant boss Garner sent off along with Hednesford manager Smith after a second-half fracas in the dugout area.

There was also a penalty for Hednesford when Luke George handled substitute Andre Landell's shot in the dying minutes.

But goalkeeper Danny Read saved Chris Clements' spot-kick and in truth 2-0 would have been harsh on Rangers, who went close early on though Michael Carr.

■ Supporters' Association joint-chairman Scott Smith has hailed the Pitmen's victory against Stafford Rangers as the group prepares for its annual meeting on January 12.

"The players battled for every ball from the first minute until the last and fully deserved the local bragging rights. All our supporters are rightly proud of the performance and, of course, the result."

The association, formed just over 12 months ago, has spent its first year in existence setting up important schemes around improving the public perception and communication of the club.

Smith sees the meeting next Thursday as an opportunity for new faces to get involved and give their views on what the organisation can do to further improve the fortunes of the club.

"A lot of people have put an incredible amount of hard work into the association and it has come a very long way since our first meeting," he said.

The meeting takes place next Thursday from 7.30pm at Keys Park and all fans are welcome to attend.

Hednesford celebrate their winning goal at Stafford Rangers. *Picture: Colin Rogers*

Milijas is seething over red card hell

WOLVES midfielder Nenad Milijas has broken his silence on his red card hell to reveal it is the worst time of his career.

Milijas is still reeling from both the shocking decision to dismiss him in the 1-1 draw at Arsenal and the verdict of the FA's three-man appeals panel, who deemed referee Stuart Attwell had not made a "serious and obvious error" by sending him off.

The Serbia international revealed it was the first time he had been dismissed and was finding it difficult to come to terms with.

"I've never been sent off before – this was my first time," said Milijas. "Of course, I'm disappointed and frustrated.

"It's the worst time for me because I was back in the team and had played three games.

"I felt I was putting in some good performances at a time it was important for the team.

"Now I've missed some big games and maybe I'd have been in the first XI if I had been available."

Wolves have also suffered from losing Milijas at a time when fellow playmaker Jamie O'Hara is out after a double hernia operation.

Milijas completes his ban with Saturday's FA Cup third-round tie at Birmingham and insists he won the ball fairly in the tackle against Mikel Arteta.

"It's not my game to make strong tackles or go in on people," he said.

Cannock in league clash

CANNOCK Rugby Club's first XV will return to league action when they host Barton-under-Needwood in the Midlands 4 West (North).

Cannock, who sit fourth in the table, will go into the game in positive mood after completing back-to-back friendly victories over Handsworth last weekend.

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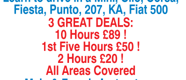

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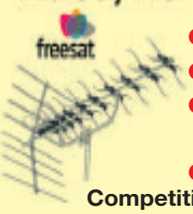

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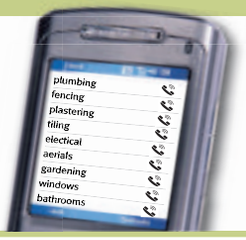

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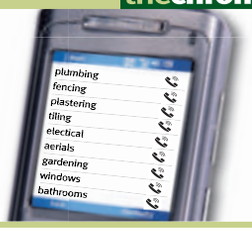

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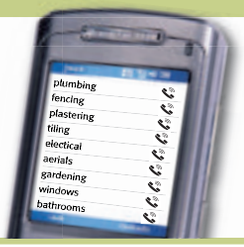

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